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3 By Representative Baker
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to juvenile proceedings; to amend Section
5 12-15-217, Code of Alabama 1975, to require written
6 notification to be provided to the local superintendent of
7 education or principal of a private K-12 school when an
8 enrolled child has been charged with or adjudicated delinquent
9 by the juvenile court for committing certain capital and other
10 offenses; and to authorize the written notification to be
11 provided when an enrolled child has been charged with or
12 adjudicated delinquent by the juvenile court for committing
13 any other act which would be considered a crime if committed
14 by an adult.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. Section 12-15-217 of the Code of Alabama
17 1975, is amended to read as follows:

18 "§12-15-217

19 (a) (1) Notwithstanding ~~subsection (a) of~~ Section
20 12-15-133(a), ~~written notice that~~ if a child, believed to be
21 enrolled in a school, kindergarten to grade 12, has been ~~found~~
22 charged with or adjudicated to be delinquent by a juvenile
23 court of an act which if committed by an adult would be a
24 Class A or B felony or any other crime, at the discretion of a
25 capital offense pursuant to Section 13A-5-40, murder pursuant
26 to Section 13A-6-2, rape in the first degree pursuant to
27 Section 13A-6-61, or sodomy in the first degree pursuant to
28 Section 13A-6-63, the juvenile court, shall ~~be provided~~



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29 provide written notice within seven days after the charge or
30 adjudication of delinquency to the superintendent of the
31 school district of attendance, or, if the child attends a
32 private school, to the principal of the school.

33 (2) Notwithstanding Section 12-15-133(a), if a child,
34 believed to be enrolled in a school, kindergarten to grade 12,
35 has been charged with or adjudicated to be delinquent by a
36 juvenile court of any act which if committed by an adult would
37 be a crime, other than those outlined in subdivision (1), the
38 juvenile court may provide written notice within seven days
39 after the charge or adjudication of delinquency to the
40 superintendent of the school district of attendance, or, if
41 the child attends a private school, to the principal of the
42 school.

43 (3) The juvenile court shall provide the notice using
44 whatever method it deems appropriate or otherwise as decided
45 by the Administrative Office of Courts. ~~The prosecutor may~~
46 ~~recommend to the juvenile court that notice be given to the~~
47 ~~school for any delinquent act.~~

48 (4) Written notice shall include only the offenses,
49 enumerated by the appropriate code section and brief
50 description, found to have been committed by the child and the
51 disposition of the case ~~involving the child.~~

52 (5) Where applicable, this notice ~~shall~~ may be
53 expeditiously transmitted by the district superintendent to
54 the principal at the school of attendance. The principal ~~shall~~
55 ~~may~~ disseminate the information to those counselors directly
56 supervising or reporting on the behavior or progress of the



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57 child. In addition, the principal may disseminate the
58 information to any teacher, administrator, or other school
59 employee directly supervising or reporting on the behavior or
60 progress of the child whom the principal believes needs the
61 information to work with the ~~pupil~~ child in appropriate
62 fashion or to protect other students and staff.

63 (b) Any information received by a teacher, counselor,
64 administrator, or other school employee pursuant to this
65 section shall be received in confidence for the limited
66 purpose of rehabilitating the child and protecting students
67 and staff, and shall not be further disseminated by the
68 teacher, counselor, or administrator, except ~~insofar as~~ where
69 communication with the child, his or her parent, legal
70 guardian, legal custodian, law enforcement personnel, and the
71 juvenile probation officer of the child is necessary to
72 ~~effectuate the rehabilitation of~~ rehabilitate the child or to
73 protect students and staff.

74 (c) An intentional violation of the confidentiality
75 provisions of this section is a Class A misdemeanor under the
76 jurisdiction of the juvenile court."

77 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
78 1, 2026.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 12-Feb-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate **10-Mar-26** Passed