

**SB364 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senator Smitherman  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
5 First Read: 11-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to public education; to require instruction in  
5 violence prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation before  
6 graduation from high school; and to require the State  
7 Department of Education to develop standards for a course or  
8 program encompassing that instruction.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 16-40-13 is added to the Code of  
11 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

12 §16-40-13

13 (a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each  
14 public school student shall complete a course or program in  
15 violence prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation before  
16 graduation from high school. The instruction shall be provided  
17 to students in grades six through twelve and shall include a  
18 discussion of or instruction in all of the following:

19 (1) Responsible decision-making.

20 (2) The causes and effects of school violence and  
21 harassment, cultural diversity, and nonviolent methods for  
22 resolving conflict, including peer mediation.

23 (3) The consequences of violent behavior.

24 (4) The causes of violent reactions to conflict.

25 (5) Nonviolent conflict resolution techniques.

26 (6) The relationship between drugs, alcohol, and  
27 violence.

28 (7) The implementation of voluntary peer mediation



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29 programs and the integration of conflict resolution models in  
30 classrooms.

31 (b) Before June 30, 2027, the State Department of  
32 Education shall prepare and make available to all local boards  
33 of education instructional materials, models, and curricula  
34 that may be used as guidelines for development of a violence  
35 prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation course or  
36 program. Each local board of education shall determine the  
37 appropriate curriculum for satisfying the requirements of this  
38 section. The State Department of Education shall assist in  
39 training teachers to provide effective instruction in violence  
40 prevention, conflict resolution, and mediation.

41 (c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as  
42 necessary to implement this section.

43 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
44 1, 2026.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 01-Apr-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 09-Apr-26

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