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A bill for an act

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relating to education; requiring notice of violent school incidents; prohibiting

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retaliation for reporting; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

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chapter 121A.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. [121A.036] SAFE SCHOOLS TRANSPARENCY; REPORTING.

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(a) A school principal or school board designee must provide teachers and each student's

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parents with timely notice of violent activity occurring on school grounds or at

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school-sponsored activities in which one or more individuals suffer injuries. The notice

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must state whether the school is aware of videos or recordings of such violent activity.

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Notice must also be provided to teachers and parents when a dangerous weapon is brandished

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or confiscated. The notice must not contain names or identifying characteristics of any

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students involved in the activity. "Timely notice" means notice within 24 hours, if practicable,

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and no later than 48 hours after an incident. The notice must be delivered to an email address

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or mobile application from which a parent has consented to receive such notices. If a parent

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has not provided this contact information, the school may choose another delivery method

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or none.

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(b) A charter school or school district is prohibited from engaging in retaliatory action

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against a teacher or other school employee for reporting, discussing, or publicizing incidents

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of school violence or dangerous conduct. A school or school district must not retaliate

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against an employee for participating in an investigation, hearing, or inquiry regarding

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school and classroom safety. Nothing in this section waives a student's data privacy rights

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under federal and state law.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2025-2026 school year and later.