

ACT 237

S.B. NO. 1699

A Bill for an Act Relating to Violence and Vandalism in the Public Schools.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 296, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“**§296- Reporting of violent incidents.** The board of education shall, prior to January 1, 1982, adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to:

- (1) Require the reporting to appropriate authorities of any incident in which a student, officer, or employee of the department is threatened, assaulted, or extorted within the meaning of sections 707-715 to 707-717 relating to terroristic threatening, 707-710 to 707-712 relating to assault, and 707-764 to 707-768 relating to extortion, respectively;
- (2) Establish procedures for disposing of any incident reported; and

- (3) Impose, in addition to any other powers or authority the department of education may have to discipline officers or employees, appropriate disciplinary action for failure to report such incidents, including probation, suspension, demotion, and discharge of such officers or employees.

§296- Indemnity upon reporting. The State shall indemnify and hold harmless anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to section 296- from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed by or as a result of the making of such report.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 24, 1981.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.