

**HB22 ENROLLED**



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2 48JG3RR-3  
3 By Representative Gidley  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 Relating to public K-12 schools; to amend Section  
3 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide legislative  
4 findings; to define the role of assistant principal as  
5 assisting the principal with certain duties, including student  
6 discipline; to require each public K-12 school to have an  
7 assistant principal, if funding is available; and to provide  
8 procedures for dividing the responsibility if a public K-12  
9 school employs more than one assistant principal.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares:

12 (1) The role of the public K-12 principal has been  
13 enhanced by the Legislature to emphasize his or her role as  
14 instructional leader of the school through legislation such as  
15 the Alabama Literacy Act and the Alabama Numeracy Act; and

16 (2) It is necessary to provide additional support for  
17 public K-12 principals by designating the duties of the  
18 assistant principal and authorizing local superintendents of  
19 education to delegate those duties among assistant principals.

20 Section 2. Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 "§16-28A-3

23 (a) (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the  
24 role of the assistant principal at each public K-12 school  
25 shall include assisting the principal with administration and  
26 enforcement of board policy and all applicable laws,  
27 including, but not limited to student discipline, instruction,  
28 management, safety, security, and any other duties assigned



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29 pursuant to subsection (b). For purposes of this section, the  
30 term "assistant principal" refers to any school administrator  
31 who reports directly to the principal and is charged with  
32 assisting the principal in the overall administration of a  
33 school.

34 (2) Each public K-12 school in this state shall have an  
35 assistant principal, provided the funding to do so is  
36 available. In the event that a public K-12 school employs more  
37 than one assistant principal, the local superintendent of  
38 education, or his or her designee, shall determine how to  
39 divide duties among the assistant principals.

40 (b) To fully implement the provisions of this chapter,  
41 the State Board of Education shall require each local board of  
42 education to develop a written policy on student discipline  
43 and behavior and to broadly disseminate ~~them~~ the policy  
44 following its adoption. Copies of the student discipline and  
45 behavior policy shall be given to all teachers, staff,  
46 parents, and students."

47 Section 3. This act shall become effective October 1,  
48 2024.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 02-Apr-24, as amended.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**02-May-24**

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Passed