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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, each local board of
6 education is required to develop a written policy on
7 student discipline.

8 This bill would define the role of assistant
9 principal and provide that it is the assistant
10 principal's responsibility to oversee student
11 discipline and administer and enforce the written
12 policy on student discipline.

13 This bill would also authorize the local board
14 of education to determine how to divide the
15 responsibility if a public K-12 school employs more
16 than one assistant principal.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to student discipline in public K-12 schools;
24 to amend Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to define the
25 role of assistant principal as including the responsibility to
26 oversee student discipline; and to provide procedures for
27 dividing the responsibility if a public K-12 school employs
28 more than one assistant principal.



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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-28A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§16-28A-3

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

(b) (1) Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the role of the assistant principal at each public K-12 school shall include, but not be limited to, overseeing student discipline and the administration and enforcement of the policy developed pursuant to subsection (a). For purposes of this subsection, the term "assistant principal" refers to any school administrator who reports directly to the principal and is charged with assisting the principal in the overall administration of a school.

(2) In the event that a public k-12 school employs more than one assistant principal, the local board of education shall determine how to divide the responsibility to oversee student discipline among the assistant principals."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.