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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2335**  
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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 160.261, 160.263, 160.485, 160.775, 162.065, 162.069, 167.625, 167.950, 170.047, 170.048, and 170.315, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twelve new sections relating to school employee training.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 160.261, 160.263, 160.485, 160.775, 162.065, 162.069, 167.625, 167.950, 170.047, 170.048, and 170.315, RSMo, are repealed and twelve new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.261, 160.263, 160.485, 160.775, 162.065, 162.069, 167.625, 167.950, 168.331, 170.047, 170.048, and 170.315, to read as follows:

160.261. 1. **(1)** The local board of education of each school district shall clearly establish a written policy of discipline, including the district's determination on the use of corporal punishment and the procedures in which punishment will be applied. A written copy of the district's discipline policy and corporal punishment procedures, if applicable, shall be provided to the pupil and parent or legal guardian of every pupil enrolled in the district at the beginning of each school year and also made available in the office of the superintendent of such district, during normal business hours, for public inspection. No pupil shall be subject to corporal punishment procedures outlined in the discipline and corporal punishment policy without a parent or guardian being notified and providing written permission for the corporal punishment.

**(2)** All employees of the district shall ~~annually~~ receive instruction related to the specific contents of the policy of discipline and any interpretations necessary to implement the provisions of the policy in the course of their duties, including but not limited to approved methods of dealing with acts of school violence, disciplining students with disabilities and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 instruction in the necessity and requirements for confidentiality. **Such instruction shall be**  
16 **provided as established in section 168.331.**

17 2. (1) The policy shall require school administrators to report acts of school violence  
18 to all teachers at the attendance center and, in addition, to other school district employees with  
19 a need to know.

20 (2) For the purposes of this chapter or chapter 167, "need to know" is defined as  
21 school personnel who are directly responsible for the student's education or who otherwise  
22 interact with the student on a professional basis while acting within the scope of their  
23 assigned duties. As used in this section, the phrase "act of school violence" or "violent  
24 behavior" means the exertion of physical force by a student with the intent to do serious  
25 physical injury as defined in section 556.061 to another person while on school property,  
26 including a school bus in service on behalf of the district, or while involved in school  
27 activities.

28 (3) The policy shall at a minimum require school administrators to report, as soon as  
29 reasonably ~~[practical]~~ **practicable**, to the appropriate law enforcement agency any of the  
30 following crimes, or any act which if committed by an adult would be one of the following  
31 crimes, **committed on school property including, but not limited to, actions on any school**  
32 **bus in service on behalf of the district or while involved in school activities:**

33 ~~[(1)]~~ (a) First degree murder under section 565.020;

34 ~~[(2)]~~ (b) Second degree murder under section 565.021;

35 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) Kidnapping under section 565.110 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or  
36 kidnapping in the first degree under section 565.110;

37 ~~[(4)]~~ (d) First degree assault under section 565.050;

38 ~~[(5)]~~ (e) Rape in the first degree under section 566.030;

39 ~~[(6)]~~ (f) Sodomy in the first degree under section 566.060;

40 ~~[(7)]~~ (g) Burglary in the first degree under section 569.160;

41 ~~[(8)]~~ (h) Burglary in the second degree under section 569.170;

42 ~~[(9)]~~ (i) Robbery in the first degree under section 569.020 as it existed prior to  
43 January 1, 2017, or robbery in the first degree under section 570.023;

44 ~~[(10)]~~ (j) Distribution of drugs under section 195.211 as it existed prior to January 1,  
45 2017, or manufacture of a controlled substance under section 579.055;

46 ~~[(11)]~~ (k) Distribution of drugs to a minor under section 195.212 as it existed prior to  
47 January 1, 2017, or delivery of a controlled substance under section 579.020;

48 ~~[(12)]~~ (l) Arson in the first degree under section 569.040;

49 ~~[(13)]~~ (m) Voluntary manslaughter under section 565.023;

50       [(14)] **(n)** Involuntary manslaughter under section 565.024 as it existed prior to  
51 January 1, 2017, involuntary manslaughter in the first degree under section 565.024, or  
52 involuntary manslaughter in the second degree under section 565.027;

53       [(15)] **(o)** Second degree assault under section 565.060 as it existed prior to January 1,  
54 2017, or second degree assault under section 565.052;

55       [(16)] **(p)** Rape in the second degree under section 566.031;

56       [(17)] **(q)** Felonious restraint under section 565.120 as it existed prior to January 1,  
57 2017, or kidnapping in the second degree under section 565.120;

58       [(18)] **(r)** Property damage in the first degree under section 569.100;

59       [(19)] **(s)** The possession of a weapon under chapter 571;

60       [(20)] **(t)** Child molestation in the first degree pursuant to section 566.067 as it  
61 existed prior to January 1, 2017, or child molestation in the first, second, or third degree  
62 pursuant to section 566.067, 566.068, or 566.069;

63       [(21)] **(u)** Sodomy in the second degree pursuant to section 566.061;

64       [(22)] **(v)** Sexual misconduct involving a child pursuant to section 566.083;

65       [(23)] **(w)** Sexual abuse in the first degree pursuant to section 566.100;

66       [(24)] **(x)** Harassment under section 565.090 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or  
67 harassment in the first degree under section 565.090; or

68       [(25)] **(y)** Stalking under section 565.225 as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or  
69 stalking in the first degree under section 565.225[;].

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71 ~~[committed on school property, including but not limited to actions on any school bus in~~  
72 ~~service on behalf of the district or while involved in school activities.]~~

73       **(4)** The policy shall require that any portion of a student's individualized education  
74 program that is related to demonstrated or potentially violent behavior shall be provided to  
75 any teacher and other school district employees who are directly responsible for the student's  
76 education or who otherwise interact with the student on an educational basis while acting  
77 within the scope of ~~[their]~~ **such teacher's or employees'** assigned duties.

78       **(5)** The policy shall also contain the consequences of failure to obey standards of  
79 conduct set by the local board of education, and the importance of the standards to the  
80 maintenance of an atmosphere where orderly learning is possible and encouraged.

81       3. The policy shall provide that any student who is on suspension for any of the  
82 offenses listed in subsection 2 of this section or any act of violence or drug-related activity  
83 defined by school district policy as a serious violation of school discipline pursuant to  
84 subsection 9 of this section shall have as a condition of his or her suspension the requirement  
85 that such student is not allowed, while on such suspension, to be within one thousand feet of

86 any school property in the school district where such student attended school or any activity  
87 of that district, regardless of whether or not the activity takes place on district property unless:

88 (1) Such student is under the direct supervision of the student's parent, legal guardian,  
89 or custodian and the superintendent or the superintendent's designee has authorized the  
90 student to be on school property;

91 (2) Such student is under the direct supervision of another adult designated by the  
92 student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian, in advance, in writing, to the principal of the  
93 school which suspended the student and the superintendent or the superintendent's designee  
94 has authorized the student to be on school property;

95 (3) Such student is enrolled in and attending an alternative school that is located  
96 within one thousand feet of a public school in the school district where such student attended  
97 school; or

98 (4) Such student resides within one thousand feet of any public school in the school  
99 district where such student attended school in which case such student may be on the property  
100 of his or her residence without direct adult supervision.

101 4. Any student who violates the condition of suspension required pursuant to  
102 subsection 3 of this section may be subject to expulsion or further suspension pursuant to the  
103 provisions of sections 167.161, 167.164, and 167.171. In making this determination  
104 consideration shall be given to whether the student poses a threat to the safety of any child or  
105 school employee and whether such student's unsupervised presence within one thousand feet  
106 of the school is disruptive to the educational process or undermines the effectiveness of the  
107 school's disciplinary policy. Removal of any pupil who is a student with a disability is subject  
108 to state and federal procedural rights. This section shall not limit a school district's ability to:

109 (1) Prohibit all students who are suspended from being on school property or  
110 attending an activity while on suspension;

111 (2) Discipline students for off-campus conduct that negatively affects the educational  
112 environment to the extent allowed by law.

113 5. The policy shall provide for a suspension for a period of not less than one year, or  
114 expulsion, for a student who is determined to have brought a weapon to school, including but  
115 not limited to the school playground or the school parking lot, brought a weapon on a school  
116 bus or brought a weapon to a school activity whether on or off of the school property in  
117 violation of district policy, except that:

118 (1) The superintendent or, in a school district with no high school, the principal of the  
119 school which such child attends may modify such suspension on a case-by-case basis; and

120 (2) This section shall not prevent the school district from providing educational  
121 services in an alternative setting to a student suspended under the provisions of this section.

122           6. For the purpose of this section, the term "weapon" shall mean a firearm as defined  
123 under 18 U.S.C. Section 921 and the following items, as defined in section 571.010: a  
124 blackjack, a concealable firearm, an explosive weapon, a firearm, a firearm silencer, a gas  
125 gun, a knife, knuckles, a machine gun, a projectile weapon, a rifle, a shotgun, a spring gun or  
126 a switchblade knife; except that this section shall not be construed to prohibit a school board  
127 from adopting a policy to allow a Civil War reenactor to carry a Civil War era weapon on  
128 school property for educational purposes so long as the firearm is unloaded. The local board  
129 of education shall define weapon in the discipline policy. Such definition shall include the  
130 weapons defined in this subsection but may also include other weapons.

131           7. All school district personnel responsible for the care and supervision of students  
132 are authorized to hold every pupil strictly accountable for any disorderly conduct in school or  
133 on any property of the school, on any school bus going to or returning from school, during  
134 school-sponsored activities, or during intermission or recess periods.

135           8. Teachers and other authorized district personnel in public schools responsible for  
136 the care, supervision, and discipline of schoolchildren, including volunteers selected with  
137 reasonable care by the school district, shall not be civilly liable when acting in conformity  
138 with the established policies developed by each board, including but not limited to policies of  
139 student discipline or when reporting to his or her supervisor or other person as mandated by  
140 state law acts of school violence or threatened acts of school violence, within the course and  
141 scope of the duties of the teacher, authorized district personnel or volunteer, when such  
142 individual is acting in conformity with the established policies developed by the board.  
143 Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a new cause of action against such school  
144 district, or to relieve the school district from liability for the negligent acts of such persons.

145           9. Each school board shall define in its discipline policy acts of violence and any  
146 other acts that constitute a serious violation of that policy. "Acts of violence" as defined by  
147 school boards shall include but not be limited to exertion of physical force by a student with  
148 the intent to do serious bodily harm to another person while on school property, including a  
149 school bus in service on behalf of the district, or while involved in school activities. School  
150 districts shall for each student enrolled in the school district compile and maintain records of  
151 any serious violation of the district's discipline policy. Such records shall be made available  
152 to teachers and other school district employees with a need to know while acting within the  
153 scope of their assigned duties, and shall be provided as required in section 167.020 to any  
154 school district in which the student subsequently attempts to enroll.

155           10. Spanking, when administered by certificated personnel and in the presence of a  
156 witness who is an employee of the school district, or the use of reasonable force to protect  
157 persons or property, when administered by personnel of a school district in a reasonable

158 manner in accordance with the local board of education's written policy of discipline, is not  
159 abuse within the meaning of chapter 210.

160 11. Upon receipt of any reports of child abuse by the children's division pursuant to  
161 sections 210.110 to 210.165 which allegedly involve personnel of a school district, the  
162 children's division shall notify the superintendent of schools of the district or, if the person  
163 named in the alleged incident is the superintendent of schools, the president of the school  
164 board of the school district where the alleged incident occurred.

165 12. In order to ensure the safety of all students, should a student be expelled for  
166 bringing a weapon to school, violent behavior, or for an act of school violence, that student  
167 shall not, for the purposes of the accreditation process of the Missouri school improvement  
168 plan, be considered a dropout or be included in the calculation of that district's educational  
169 persistence ratio.

160.263. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Mechanical restraint", the use of any device or equipment to restrict a student's  
3 freedom of movement. Mechanical restraint shall not include devices implemented by trained  
4 personnel or used by a student with a prescription for such devices from an appropriate  
5 medical or related services professional and that are used for specific and approved purposes  
6 for which such devices were designed, such as the following:

7 (a) Adaptive devices or mechanical supports used to achieve proper body position,  
8 balance, or alignment to allow greater freedom of mobility than would be possible without the  
9 use of such devices or mechanical supports;

10 (b) Vehicle safety restraints when used as intended during the transport of a student in  
11 a moving vehicle;

12 (c) Restraints for medical immobilization; or

13 (d) Orthopedically prescribed devices that permit a student to participate in activities  
14 without risk;

15 (2) "Physical restraint", a personal restriction such as person-to-person physical  
16 contact that immobilizes, reduces, or restricts the ability of a student to move the student's  
17 torso, arms, legs, or head freely. Physical restraint shall not include:

18 (a) A physical escort, which is a temporary touching or holding of the hand, wrist,  
19 arm, shoulder, or back for the purpose of inducing a student to walk to a safe location;

20 (b) Comforting or calming a student;

21 (c) Holding a student's hand to transport the student for safety purposes;

22 (d) Intervening in a fight; or

23 (e) Using an assistive or protective device prescribed by an appropriately trained  
24 professional or professional team;

25 (3) "Prone restraint", using mechanical or physical restraint or both to restrict a  
26 student's movement while the student is lying with the student's front or face downward;

27 (4) "Restraint" includes, but is not limited to, mechanical restraint, physical restraint,  
28 and prone restraint;

29 (5) "Seclusion", the involuntary confinement of a student alone in a room or area that  
30 the student is physically prevented from leaving and that complies with the building code in  
31 effect in the school district. Seclusion shall not include the following:

32 (a) A timeout, which is a behavior management technique that is part of an approved  
33 program, involves the monitored separation of the student in a nonlocked setting, and is  
34 implemented for the purpose of calming;

35 (b) In-school suspension;

36 (c) Detention; or

37 (d) Other appropriate disciplinary measures.

38 2. The school discipline policy under section 160.261 shall reserve confining a  
39 student in seclusion for situations or conditions in which there is imminent danger of physical  
40 harm to self or others.

41 3. For all school years beginning on or after July 1, 2022, no school district, charter  
42 school, or publicly contracted private provider shall use any mechanical, physical, or prone  
43 restraint technique that:

44 (1) Obstructs views of the student's face;

45 (2) Obstructs the student's respiratory airway, impairs the student's breathing or  
46 respiratory capacity, or restricts the movement required for normal breathing to cause  
47 positional or postural asphyxia;

48 (3) Places pressure or weight on or causes the compression of the student's chest,  
49 lungs, sternum, diaphragm, back, abdomen, or genitals;

50 (4) Obstructs the student's circulation of blood;

51 (5) Involves pushing on or into the student's mouth, nose, eyes, or any part of the face  
52 or involves covering the face or body with anything including, but not limited to, soft objects  
53 such as pillows, blankets, or washcloths;

54 (6) Endangers the student's life or significantly exacerbates the student's medical  
55 condition;

56 (7) Is purposely designed to inflict pain;

57 (8) Restricts the student from communicating. If an employee physically restrains a  
58 student who uses sign language or an augmentative mode of communication as the student's  
59 primary mode of communication, the student shall be permitted to have the student's hands  
60 free of restraint for brief periods unless an employee determines that such freedom appears  
61 likely to result in harm to self or others.

62           4. (1) By July 1, 2011, the local board of education of each school district shall adopt  
63 a written policy that comprehensively addresses the use of restrictive behavioral interventions  
64 as a form of discipline or behavior management technique. The policy shall be consistent  
65 with professionally accepted practices and standards of student discipline, behavior  
66 management, health and safety, including the safe schools act. The policy shall include  
67 but not be limited to:

68           (a) Definitions of restraint, seclusion, and time-out and any other terminology  
69 necessary to describe the continuum of restrictive behavioral interventions available for use  
70 or prohibited in the district, consistent with the provisions of this section;

71           (b) Description of circumstances under which a restrictive behavioral intervention is  
72 allowed and prohibited, consistent with the provisions of this section, and any unique  
73 application requirements for specific groups of students such as differences based on age,  
74 disability, or environment in which the educational services are provided;

75           (c) Specific implementation requirements associated with a restrictive behavioral  
76 intervention such as time limits, facility specifications, training requirements or supervision  
77 requirements; and

78           (d) Documentation, notice and permission requirements associated with use of a  
79 restrictive behavioral intervention.

80           (2) Before July 1, 2022, each written policy adopted under this subsection shall be  
81 updated to prohibit the school district, charter school, or publicly contracted private provider  
82 from using any restraint that employs any technique listed in subsection 3 of this section.

83           (3) Before July 1, 2022, each written policy adopted under this subsection shall be  
84 updated to state that the school district, charter school, or publicly contracted private provider  
85 will reserve restraint or seclusion for situations or conditions in which there is imminent  
86 danger of physical harm to self or others.

87           5. Before July 1, 2022, each school district, charter school, and publicly contracted  
88 private provider shall ensure that the policy adopted under subsection 4 of this section  
89 requires the following:

90           (1) Any student placed in seclusion or restraint shall be removed from such seclusion  
91 or restraint as soon as the school district, charter school, or publicly contracted private  
92 provider determines that the student is no longer an imminent danger of physical harm to self  
93 or others;

94           (2) All school district, charter school, and publicly contracted private provider  
95 personnel shall annually review the policy and procedures involving the use of seclusion and  
96 restraint. Personnel who use seclusion or restraint shall ~~annually~~ complete mandatory  
97 training in the specific seclusion and restraint techniques the school district, charter school, or

98 publicly contracted private provider uses under this section. **Such training shall be**  
99 **provided as established in section 168.331;**

100 (3) (a) Each time seclusion or restraint is used for a student, the incident shall be  
101 monitored by a member of the school district, charter school, or publicly contracted private  
102 provider personnel, and a report shall be completed by the school district, charter school, or  
103 publicly contracted private provider that contains, at a minimum, the following:

104 a. The date, time of day, location, duration, and description of the incident and  
105 interventions;

106 b. Any event leading to the incident and the reason for using seclusion or restraint;

107 c. A description of the methods of seclusion or restraint used;

108 d. The nature and extent of any injury to the student;

109 e. The names, roles, and certifications of each employee involved in the use of  
110 seclusion or restraint;

111 f. The name, role, and signature of the person who prepared the report;

112 g. The name of an employee whom the parent or guardian can contact regarding the  
113 incident and use of seclusion or restraint;

114 h. The name of an employee to contact if the parent or guardian wishes to file a  
115 complaint; and

116 i. A statement directing parents and legal guardians to a sociological, emotional, or  
117 behavioral support organization and a hotline number to report child abuse and neglect.

118 (b) The school district, charter school, or publicly contracted private provider shall  
119 maintain the report as an education record of the student, provide a copy to the parent or legal  
120 guardian within five school days, and a copy of each incident report shall be given to the  
121 department of elementary and secondary education within thirty days of the incident;

122 (4) The school district, charter school, or publicly contracted private provider shall  
123 attempt to notify the parents or legal guardians as soon as possible but no later than one hour  
124 after the end of the school day on which the use of seclusion or restraint occurred.  
125 Notification shall be oral or electronic and shall include a statement indicating that the school  
126 district, charter school, or publicly contracted private provider will provide the parents or  
127 legal guardians a copy of the report described in subdivision (3) of this subsection within five  
128 school days;

129 (5) An officer, administrator, or employee of a public school district or charter school  
130 shall not retaliate against any person for having:

131 (a) Reported a violation of any policy established under this section or failure of a  
132 district or charter school to follow any provisions of this section in relation to incidents of  
133 seclusion and restraint; or

134 (b) Provided information regarding a violation of this section by a public school  
135 district or charter school or a member of the staff of the public school district or charter  
136 school.

137 6. The department of elementary and secondary education shall compile and maintain  
138 all incidents reported under this section in the department's core data system and make such  
139 data available on the Missouri comprehensive data system. No personally identifiable data  
140 shall be accessible on the database.

141 7. The department of elementary and secondary education shall, in cooperation with  
142 appropriate associations, organizations, agencies and individuals with specialized expertise in  
143 behavior management, develop a model policy that satisfies the requirements of subsection 2  
144 of this section as it existed on August 28, 2009, by July 1, 2010, and shall update such model  
145 policy to include the requirements of subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 4 and subsection 5  
146 of this section by July 1, 2022.

160.485. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Stop the Bleed  
2 Act".

3 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

4 (1) "Bleeding control kit", a first aid response kit that contains at least the following:

5 (a) Tourniquets that are:

6 a. Endorsed by the United States Department of Defense Committee on Tactical  
7 Combat Casualty Care or its successor entity; or

8 b. Approved for use in battlefield trauma care by the Armed Forces of the United  
9 States;

10 (b) Bleeding control bandages;

11 (c) Latex-free protective gloves;

12 (d) Permanent markers;

13 (e) Instructional documents developed by the United States Department of Homeland  
14 Security's Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign or the American College of Surgeons  
15 Committee on Trauma, or both; and

16 (f) Other medical materials and equipment similar to those described in paragraphs  
17 (a) and (b) of this subdivision;

18 (2) "Department", the department of elementary and secondary education;

19 (3) "Emergency medical services personnel", paid or volunteer firefighters, law  
20 enforcement officers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, or other emergency  
21 service personnel acting within the ordinary course and scope of those professions, but  
22 excluding physicians;

23 (4) "School personnel", any employee of a public school district or charter school, or  
24 any volunteer serving at a public school or charter school, who is designated to use a bleeding  
25 control kit under this section.

26 3. (1) Before January 1, 2026, the department shall develop a traumatic blood loss  
27 protocol for school personnel to follow in the event of an injury involving traumatic blood  
28 loss. The protocol shall meet the requirements of this section and shall be made available to  
29 each school district and charter school.

30 (2) The traumatic blood loss protocol shall:

31 (a) Require that a bleeding control kit be placed in areas where there is likely to be  
32 high traffic or congregation, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, or gymnasiums, and areas where  
33 risk of injury may be elevated, including vocational classes such as woodworking or  
34 automotive classes, in each school district's school buildings and each charter school in an  
35 easily accessible location of such areas to be determined by local emergency medical services  
36 personnel;

37 (b) Include bleeding control kits in the emergency plans of each school district and  
38 charter school, including the presentation and use of the bleeding control kits in all drills and  
39 emergencies;

40 (c) Require each school district and charter school to designate in each school  
41 building a school nurse or school health care provider or, if no school nurse or school health  
42 care provider is available, a school personnel member, who shall obtain appropriate training  
43 ~~[annually]~~ **as established in section 168.331** in the use of a bleeding control kit including, but  
44 not limited to:

- 45 a. The proper application of pressure to stop bleeding;
- 46 b. The proper application of dressings or bandages;
- 47 c. Additional pressure techniques to control bleeding; and
- 48 d. The correct application of tourniquets;

49 (d) Require each bleeding control kit in school inventories to be inspected annually to  
50 ensure that the materials, supplies, and equipment contained in the bleeding control kit have  
51 not expired and that any expired materials, supplies, and equipment are replaced as necessary;  
52 and

53 (e) Require a bleeding control kit to be restocked after each use and any materials,  
54 supplies, and equipment to be replaced as necessary to ensure that the bleeding control kit  
55 contains all necessary materials, supplies, and equipment.

56 4. (1) The department shall, in collaboration with the United States Department of  
57 Homeland Security and the state department of public safety, include requirements in the  
58 traumatic blood loss protocol for school personnel to receive ~~[annual]~~ training **as established**  
59 **in section 168.331** in the use of bleeding control kits.

60 (2) The training requirements shall be satisfied by successful completion and  
61 certification under the "STOP THE BLEED" course as promulgated by the American College  
62 of Surgeons Committee on Trauma or the American Red Cross.

63 (3) The training requirements may allow online instruction.

64 5. (1) A bleeding control kit may contain any additional items that:

65 (a) Are approved by emergency medical services personnel, as such term is defined in  
66 section 190.600;

67 (b) Can adequately treat an injury involving traumatic blood loss; and

68 (c) Can be stored in a readily available kit.

69 (2) Quantities of each item required to be in a bleeding control kit may be determined  
70 by each school district.

71 6. (1) The department and each school district and charter school shall maintain  
72 information regarding the traumatic blood loss protocol and the Stop the Bleed national  
73 awareness campaign on each entity's website.

74 (2) Upon request by a school district or a charter school, the department may, in  
75 collaboration with the department of public safety, direct the school district or charter school  
76 to resources that are available to provide bleeding control kits to the school district or charter  
77 school.

78 7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each school district and  
79 charter school shall implement the traumatic blood loss protocol developed under this section  
80 before the end of the 2025-26 school year.

81 (2) The requirements that a bleeding control kit be placed as required in paragraph (a)  
82 of subdivision (2) of subsection 3 of this section, that each kit be restocked as necessary, and  
83 that school personnel receive training under this section shall be subject to an appropriation  
84 by the general assembly to cover all costs related to such requirements.

85 (3) Any school district or charter school may receive donations of funds for the  
86 purchase of bleeding control kits that meet the requirements of this section and may receive  
87 donations of bleeding control kits that meet the requirements of this section.

88 8. This section shall not be construed to create a cause of action against a school  
89 district, a charter school, or any school personnel. Any school personnel who in good faith  
90 use a bleeding control kit as provided by this section shall be immune from all civil liability  
91 for any act or omission in the use of a bleeding control kit unless the act or omission  
92 constitutes gross negligence or willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct.

160.775. 1. Every district shall adopt an antibullying policy by September 1, 2007.

2 2. "Bullying" means intimidation, unwanted aggressive behavior, or harassment that  
3 is repetitive or is substantially likely to be repeated and causes a reasonable student to fear for  
4 his or her physical safety or property; substantially interferes with the educational

5 performance, opportunities, or benefits of any student without exception; or substantially  
6 disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Bullying may consist of physical actions,  
7 including gestures, or oral, cyberbullying, electronic, or written communication, and any  
8 threat of retaliation for reporting of such acts. Bullying of students is prohibited on school  
9 property, at any school function, or on a school bus. "Cyberbullying" means bullying as  
10 defined in this subsection through the transmission of a communication including, but not  
11 limited to, a message, text, sound, or image by means of an electronic device including, but  
12 not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device,  
13 computer, or pager.

14 3. Each district's antibullying policy shall be founded on the assumption that all  
15 students need a safe learning environment. Policies shall treat all students equally and shall  
16 not contain specific lists of protected classes of students who are to receive special treatment.  
17 Policies may include age-appropriate differences for schools based on the grade levels at the  
18 school. Each such policy shall contain a statement of the consequences of bullying.

19 4. Each district's antibullying policy shall be included in the student handbook and  
20 shall require, at a minimum, the following components:

21 (1) A statement prohibiting bullying, defined no less inclusively than in subsection 2  
22 of this section;

23 (2) A statement requiring district employees to report any instance of bullying of  
24 which the employee has firsthand knowledge. The policy shall require a district employee  
25 who witnesses an incident of bullying to report the incident to the district's designated  
26 individual at the school within two school days of the employee witnessing the incident;

27 (3) A procedure for reporting an act of bullying. The policy shall also include a  
28 statement requiring that the district designate an individual at each school in the district to  
29 receive reports of incidents of bullying. Such individual shall be a district employee who is  
30 teacher level staff or above;

31 (4) A procedure for prompt investigation of reports of violations and complaints,  
32 identifying one or more employees responsible for the investigation including, at a minimum,  
33 the following requirements:

34 (a) Within two school days of a report of an incident of bullying being received, the  
35 school principal, or his or her designee, shall initiate an investigation of the incident;

36 (b) The school principal may appoint other school staff to assist with the  
37 investigation; and

38 (c) The investigation shall be completed within ten school days from the date of the  
39 written report unless good cause exists to extend the investigation;

40 (5) A statement that prohibits reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an  
41 act of bullying and the consequence and appropriate remedial action for a person who  
42 engages in reprisal or retaliation;

43 (6) A statement of how the policy is to be publicized; and

44 (7) A process for discussing the district's antibullying policy with students and  
45 training school employees and volunteers who have significant contact with students in the  
46 requirements of the policy, including, at a minimum, the following statements:

47 (a) The school district shall provide information and appropriate training to the school  
48 district staff who have significant contact with students regarding the policy. **Such training**  
49 **shall be provided as established in section 168.331;**

50 (b) The school district shall give annual notice of the policy to students, parents or  
51 guardians, and staff;

52 (c) The school district shall provide education and information to students regarding  
53 bullying, including information regarding the school district policy prohibiting bullying, the  
54 harmful effects of bullying, and other applicable initiatives to address bullying, including  
55 student peer-to-peer initiatives to provide accountability and policy enforcement for those  
56 found to have engaged in bullying, reprisal, or retaliation against any person who reports an  
57 act of bullying;

58 (d) The administration of the school district shall instruct its school counselors,  
59 school social workers, licensed social workers, mental health professionals, and school  
60 psychologists to educate students who are victims of bullying on techniques for students to  
61 overcome bullying's negative effects. Such techniques shall include, but not be limited to,  
62 cultivating the student's self-worth and self-esteem; teaching the student to defend himself or  
63 herself assertively and effectively; helping the student develop social skills; or encouraging  
64 the student to develop an internal locus of control. The provisions of this paragraph shall not  
65 be construed to contradict or limit any other provision of this section; and

66 (e) The administration of the school district shall implement programs and other  
67 initiatives to address bullying, to respond to such conduct in a manner that does not stigmatize  
68 the victim, and to make resources or referrals available to victims of bullying.

69 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any school district shall  
70 have jurisdiction to prohibit cyberbullying that originates on a school's campus or at a district  
71 activity if the electronic communication was made using the school's technological resources,  
72 if there is a sufficient nexus to the educational environment, or if the electronic  
73 communication was made on the school's campus or at a district activity using the  
74 student's own personal technological resources. The school district may discipline any  
75 student for such cyberbullying to the greatest extent allowed by law.

76           6. Each district shall review its antibullying policy and revise it as needed. The  
77 district's school board shall receive input from school personnel, students, and administrators  
78 when reviewing and revising the policy.

          162.065. On an annual basis, each school district shall provide training in at least  
2 ~~eight~~ **four** hours of duration to each school bus driver employed by the school district or  
3 under contract with the school district. Such training shall provide special instruction in  
4 school bus driving.

          162.069. 1. Every school district shall, by March 1, 2012, promulgate a written  
2 policy concerning employee-student communication. The governing body of each charter  
3 school shall adopt a written policy concerning employee-student communication by January  
4 1, 2014. Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, the use of electronic media and other  
5 mechanisms to prevent improper communications between staff members and students.

6           2. The school board of each school district and the governing body of each charter  
7 school shall, by January 1, 2014, adopt and implement training guidelines and ~~an annual~~ **a**  
8 training program for all school employees who are mandatory reporters of child abuse or  
9 neglect under section 210.115. **Such training shall be provided as established in section**  
10 **168.331.**

11           3. Every school district and the governing body of each charter school shall, by July  
12 1, 2014, include in its teacher and employee training a component that provides up-to-date  
13 and reliable information on identifying signs of sexual abuse in children and danger signals of  
14 potentially abusive relationships between children and adults. The training shall emphasize  
15 the importance of mandatory reporting of abuse under section 210.115 including the  
16 obligation of mandated reporters to report suspected abuse by other mandated reporters, and  
17 how to establish an atmosphere of trust so that students feel their school has concerned adults  
18 with whom they feel comfortable discussing matters related to abuse. **Such training shall be**  
19 **provided as established in section 168.331.** The training shall also emphasize that:

20           (1) All mandatory reporters shall, upon finding reasonable cause, directly and  
21 immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect as provided in section 210.115;

22           (2) No supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit any reporting under section  
23 210.115; and

24           (3) No person making a report under section 210.115 shall be subject to any sanction,  
25 including any adverse employment action, for making such report.

          167.625. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Will's Law".

2           2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

3           (1) "Individualized emergency health care plan", a document developed by a school  
4 nurse, in consultation with a student's parent and other appropriate medical professionals, that  
5 is consistent with the recommendations of the student's health care providers, that describes

6 procedural guidelines that provide specific directions about what to do in a particular  
7 emergency situation, and that is signed by the parent and the school nurse or the school  
8 administrator or the administrator's designee in the absence of the school nurse;

9 (2) "Individualized health care plan", a document developed by a school nurse, in  
10 consultation with a student's parent and other appropriate medical professionals who may be  
11 providing epilepsy or seizure disorder care to the student, that is consistent with the  
12 recommendations of the student's health care providers, that describes the health services  
13 needed by the student at school, and that is signed by the parent and the school nurse or the  
14 school administrator or the administrator's designee in the absence of the school nurse;

15 (3) "Parent", a parent, guardian, or other person having charge, control, or custody of  
16 a student;

17 (4) "School", any public elementary or secondary school or charter school;

18 (5) "School employee", a person employed by a school;

19 (6) "Student", a student who has epilepsy or a seizure disorder and who attends a  
20 school.

21 3. (1) The parent of a student who seeks epilepsy or seizure disorder care while at  
22 school shall inform the school nurse or the school administrator or the administrator's  
23 designee in the absence of the school nurse. The school nurse shall develop an individualized  
24 health care plan and an individualized emergency health care plan for the student. The parent  
25 of the student shall annually provide to the school written authorization for the provision of  
26 epilepsy or seizure disorder care as described in the individualized plans.

27 (2) The individualized plans developed under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
28 be updated by the school nurse before the beginning of each school year and as necessary if  
29 there is a change in the health status of the student.

30 (3) Each individualized health care plan shall, and each individualized emergency  
31 health care plan may, include but not be limited to the following information:

32 (a) A notice about the student's condition for all school employees who interact with  
33 the student;

34 (b) Written orders from the student's physician or advanced practice nurse describing  
35 the epilepsy or seizure disorder care;

36 (c) The symptoms of the epilepsy or seizure disorder for that particular student and  
37 recommended care;

38 (d) Whether the student may fully participate in exercise and sports, and any  
39 contraindications to exercise or accommodations that shall be made for that particular  
40 student;

41 (e) Accommodations for school trips, after-school activities, class parties, and other  
42 school-related activities;

43 (f) Information for such school employees about how to recognize and provide care  
44 for epilepsy and seizure disorders, epilepsy and seizure disorder first aid training, when to call  
45 for assistance, emergency contact information, and parent contact information;

46 (g) Medical and treatment issues that may affect the educational process of the  
47 student;

48 (h) The student's ability to manage, and the student's level of understanding of, the  
49 student's epilepsy or seizure disorder; and

50 (i) How to maintain communication with the student, the student's parent and health  
51 care team, the school nurse or the school administrator or the administrator's designee in the  
52 absence of the school nurse, and the school employees.

53 4. (1) The school nurse assigned to a particular school or the school administrator or  
54 the administrator's designee in the absence of the school nurse shall coordinate the provision  
55 of epilepsy and seizure disorder care at that school and ensure that all school employees are  
56 trained ~~[every two years]~~ in the care of students with epilepsy and seizure disorders including,  
57 but not limited to, school employees working with school-sponsored programs outside of the  
58 regular school day, as provided in the student's individualized plans.

59 (2) The training required under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall include an  
60 online or in-person course of instruction approved by the department of health and senior  
61 services that is provided by a reputable, local, Missouri-based health care or nonprofit  
62 organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

63 **(3) Such training under this subsection shall be provided as established in**  
64 **section 168.331.**

65 5. The school nurse or the school administrator, or the administrator's designee in the  
66 absence of the school nurse, shall obtain a release from a student's parent to authorize the  
67 sharing of medical information between the student's physician or advanced practice nurse  
68 and other health care providers. The release shall also authorize the school nurse or the  
69 school administrator, or the administrator's designee in the absence of the school nurse, to  
70 share medical information with other school employees in the school district as necessary. No  
71 sharing of information under this subsection shall be construed to be a violation of the federal  
72 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) (Pub. L. 104-191), as  
73 amended, if a student's parent has provided a release under this subsection.

74 6. No school employee including, but not limited to, a school nurse, a school bus  
75 driver, a school bus aide, or any other officer or agent of a school shall be held liable for any  
76 good faith act or omission consistent with the provisions of this section, nor shall an action  
77 before the state board of nursing lie against a school nurse for any such action taken by a  
78 school employee trained in good faith by the school nurse under this section. "Good faith"  
79 shall not be construed to include willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness.

167.950. 1. (1) By December 31, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary education shall develop guidelines for the appropriate screening of students for dyslexia and related disorders and the necessary classroom support for students with dyslexia and related disorders. Such guidelines shall be consistent with the findings and recommendations of the task force created under section 633.420.

(2) In the 2018-19 school year and subsequent years, each public school, including each charter school, shall conduct dyslexia screenings for students in the appropriate year consistent with the guidelines developed by the department of elementary and secondary education.

(3) In the 2018-19 school year and subsequent years, the school board of each district and the governing board of each charter school shall provide reasonable classroom support consistent with the guidelines developed by the department of elementary and secondary education.

2. In the 2018-19 school year and subsequent years, the practicing teacher assistance programs established under section 168.400 shall offer and include two hours of in-service training provided by each local school district for all practicing teachers in such district regarding dyslexia and related disorders. Each charter school shall also offer all of its teachers two hours of training on dyslexia and related disorders. Districts and charter schools may seek assistance from the department of elementary and secondary education in developing and providing such training. Completion of such training shall count as two contact hours of professional development under section 168.021. **Such training shall be provided as established in section 168.331.**

3. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Dyslexia", a disorder that is neurological in origin, characterized by difficulties with accurate and fluent word recognition and poor spelling and decoding abilities that typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language, often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction, and of which secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge. Nothing in this definition shall require a student with dyslexia to obtain an individualized education program (IEP) unless the student has otherwise met the federal conditions necessary;

(2) "Dyslexia screening", a short test conducted by a teacher or school counselor to determine whether a student likely has dyslexia or a related disorder in which a positive result does not represent a medical diagnosis but indicates that the student could benefit from approved support;

37 (3) "Related disorders", disorders similar to or related to dyslexia, such as  
38 developmental auditory imperception, dysphasia, specific developmental dyslexia,  
39 developmental dysgraphia, and developmental spelling disability;

40 (4) "Support", low-cost and effective best practices, such as oral examinations and  
41 extended test-taking periods, used to support students who have dyslexia or any related  
42 disorder.

43 4. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations for each public  
44 school to screen students for dyslexia and related disorders and to provide the necessary  
45 classroom support for students with dyslexia and related disorders. Any rule or portion of a  
46 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in  
47 this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
48 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536  
49 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
50 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
51 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
52 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

53 5. Nothing in this section shall require the MO HealthNet program to expand the  
54 services that it provides.

**168.331. 1. As used in this section, "school employee" means an individual who**  
2 **works in any paid capacity for a school district or a charter school, such as a**  
3 **superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, supervising**  
4 **principal, supervisor, teacher, teacher-secretary, substitute teacher, school nurse, social**  
5 **worker, school counselor, school psychologist, mental health professional, librarian,**  
6 **janitor, cafeteria worker, or any other individual employed by such school district or**  
7 **charter school.**

8 2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, in the 2026-27 school year  
9 and each subsequent school year, the training, instruction, or education provided to  
10 each school employee of a school district or a charter school under section 160.261,  
11 160.263, 160.485, 160.775, 162.065, 162.069, 167.625, 167.950, 170.047, 170.048, or  
12 170.315, other provisions of state law, or the employing school district's or charter  
13 school's policies shall be provided as follows:

14 (1) For each newly hired school employee, the employing school district or  
15 charter school shall provide such training, instruction, or education annually in each of  
16 the first three school years after the hiring of such school employee;

17 (2) For all other school employees, the employing school district or charter  
18 school shall provide such training, instruction, or education on a schedule as determined

19 by such school district or charter school based on the needs of the school district or  
20 charter school, each school employee, or both; and

21 (3) Each school district and charter school shall provide each school employee  
22 sufficient time during work hours to complete such training, instruction, or education.

23 3. This section shall not be construed to exempt a school employee from  
24 attending or completing any training, instruction, or education that is required for such  
25 school employee's position or job duties or that is required for such school employee by  
26 federal law.

27 4. In the 2026-27 school year and each subsequent school year, all new training,  
28 instruction, or education required under state law or rules promulgated by the  
29 department of elementary and secondary education for school employees shall be  
30 mandatory for and provided to each school employee for at least three consecutive  
31 school years before the provisions of subsection 2 of this section apply.

170.047. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Jason Platt/Avery  
2 Reine Cantor Act".

3 2. (1) Beginning in the 2017-18 school year and continuing until the end of the 2022-  
4 23 school year, any licensed educator may annually complete up to two hours of training or  
5 professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention as part of the  
6 professional development hours required for state board of education certification.

7 (2) Beginning in the 2023-24 school year and continuing in subsequent school years,  
8 the practicing teacher assistance programs established under section 168.400 may offer and  
9 include at least two hours of in-service training provided by each local school district for all  
10 practicing teachers in such district regarding suicide prevention. Each school year, all  
11 teachers, principals, and licensed educators in each district ~~may~~ **shall** attend such training or  
12 complete training on suicide prevention through self-review of suicide prevention materials  
13 **as established under section 168.331**. Attendance at the training shall count as two contact  
14 hours of professional development under section 168.021 and shall count as two hours of any  
15 other such training required under this section.

16 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop guidelines  
17 suitable for training or professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention.  
18 The department may develop materials that may be used for the training described under  
19 subsection 2 of this section or may offer districts materials developed by a third party that  
20 districts may use for the training. **Such training shall be provided as established in section**  
21 **168.331**.

22 4. For purposes of this section, the term "licensed educator" shall refer to any teacher  
23 with a certificate of license to teach issued by the state board of education or any other

24 educator or administrator required to maintain a professional license issued by the state board  
25 of education.

26 5. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate rules and  
27 regulations to implement this section.

28 6. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
29 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
30 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.  
31 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the  
32 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to  
33 disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of  
34 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid  
35 and void.

170.048. 1. By July 1, 2018, each district shall adopt a policy for youth suicide  
2 awareness and prevention, including plans for how the district will provide for the training  
3 and education of its district employees. **Such training and education shall be provided as**  
4 **established in section 168.331.**

5 2. Each district's policy shall address and include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 6 (1) Strategies that can help identify students who are at possible risk of suicide;  
7 (2) Strategies and protocols for helping students at possible risk of suicide; and  
8 (3) Protocols for responding to a suicide death.

9 3. By July 1, 2017, the department of elementary and secondary education shall  
10 develop a model policy that districts may adopt. When developing the model policy, the  
11 department shall cooperate, consult with, and seek input from organizations that have  
12 expertise in youth suicide awareness and prevention. By July 1, 2021, and at least every three  
13 years thereafter, the department shall request information and seek feedback from districts on  
14 their experience with the policy for youth suicide awareness and prevention. The department  
15 shall review this information and may use it to adapt the department's model policy. The  
16 department shall post any information on its website that it has received from districts that it  
17 deems relevant. The department shall not post any confidential information or any  
18 information that personally identifies any student or school employee.

19 4. (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, a public school or charter school that serves any pupils  
20 in grades seven to twelve and that issues pupil identification cards shall have printed on either  
21 side of the cards:

- 22 (a) The three-digit dialing code that directs calls and routes text messages to the  
23 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 988; and  
24 (b) The nonemergency telephone number of the local police department; and  
25 (c) May have printed on either side of the cards:

26           a. The six-digit dialing code that routes text messages to the Crisis Text Line, 741741;  
27 and

28           b. The telephone number of a local suicide prevention hotline, if such hotline is  
29 available.

30           (2) If, on July 1, 2025, a public school or charter school subject to the requirements of  
31 this subsection has a supply of unissued pupil identification cards that do not comply with the  
32 requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the school shall issue those cards until that  
33 supply is depleted.

34           (3) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to a pupil identification card issued  
35 for the first time to a pupil and to a card issued to replace a damaged or lost card.

170.315. 1. (1) There is hereby established the "Active Shooter and Intruder  
2 Response Training for Schools Program (ASIRT)".

3           (2) For each school year ending before July 1, 2026, each school district and charter  
4 school may include in its teacher and school employee training a component on how to  
5 properly respond to students who provide them with information about a threatening situation  
6 and how to address situations in which there is a potentially dangerous or armed intruder in  
7 the school. Training may also include information and techniques on how to address  
8 situations where an active shooter is present in the school or on school property.

9           (3) For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district  
10 and charter school shall include in its teacher and school employee training components on:

11           (a) How to properly respond to students who provide a teacher or school employee  
12 with information about a threatening situation;

13           (b) How to address situations in which there is a potentially dangerous or armed  
14 intruder in the school;

15           (c) Information and techniques on how to address situations where an active shooter  
16 is present in the school or on school property;

17           (d) How to identify potential threats or safety hazards; and

18           (e) Protocols for emergencies in the school including, but not limited to:

19           a. Evacuations;

20           b. Severe weather;

21           c. Earthquakes;

22           d. Fire; and

23           e. Medical.

24           2. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district  
25 and charter school ~~[that elects to provide such training]~~ shall conduct the training ~~[on an~~  
26 ~~annual basis]~~ **as established in section 168.331**. The length of training shall be determined  
27 by the school district or charter school ~~[electing to provide such training]~~.

28           3. All school personnel may participate in a simulated active shooter and intruder  
29 response drill conducted and led by law enforcement professionals or school safety  
30 professionals. Each drill shall include an explanation of its purpose and a safety briefing.

31           4. All instructors for the program shall be certified by the department of public  
32 safety's peace officers standards training commission.

33           5. School districts and charter schools ~~[may]~~ **shall** consult and collaborate with law  
34 enforcement authorities, emergency response agencies, and other organizations and entities  
35 trained to deal with active shooters or potentially dangerous or armed intruders.

36           6. Public schools shall actively foster an environment in which students feel  
37 comfortable sharing information they have regarding a potentially threatening or dangerous  
38 situation with a responsible adult. As part of each public school's efforts to actively foster  
39 such environment, each public school shall annually provide age-appropriate information and  
40 training on the Missouri state highway patrol's Courage2ReportMO (C2R) reporting  
41 mechanism or its successor reporting mechanism.

42           7. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district  
43 and charter school shall hold an age-appropriate active shooter exercise in which students,  
44 teachers, and other school employees participate in and practice the procedures for safety and  
45 protection to be implemented under such conditions.

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