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## REPORT THREATS OF VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

House Bill 4801  
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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4801 AS INTRODUCED 5-22-01

House Bill 4801 would amend the Revised School Code to require that all threats of violence to school people or school property that are heard by school employees be reported to a principal or administrator for follow-up.

Specifically, the bill would require a teacher, principal, bus driver, or other employee of a school district who became aware of a threat of harm made by a student, former student, or any other individual or group against another student, or against a teacher, principal, or other employee, or against a school building or other school property, to notify a principal or administrator of the threat.

Upon notification, the administrator would be required to a) notify the person against whom the threat was made; and, b) report the threat to the appropriate law enforcement agency if the threat was considered credible.

Under the bill, within 90 days after the effective date of the legislation, the Department of Education would be required to develop and publish a model policy for each school district to consider. Then within 90 days of that model policy's publication, each school district would be required to adopt a policy concerning the appropriate response to a threat of harm to a student, teacher, or other school employee, or to school property. Upon adoption of the policy, each school district would be required to file a copy of it with intermediate school district administration.

Finally and under the bill, each school district would be required to establish and maintain a record on each incident involving a threat of harm to a student, teacher, or other employee.

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