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I Assent,



Martyn Roper
Governor

Date: 18th day of October, 2022

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION ACT, 2016 TO REQUIRE ALL SCHOOLS TO FORMULATE AN ANTI-BULLYING POLICY; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Education (Amendment) Act, 2022.
(2) This Act comes into force on such date as may be appointed by Order made by the Cabinet.

Amendment of section 2 of the Education Act, 2016 - interpretation

2. The *Education Act, 2016* is amended in section 2(1), in the definition of the words “disciplinary penalties”, by inserting after the words “under section 27” the words “or the school’s Anti-Bullying Policy established under section 27A”.

Insertion of section 27A in the Education Act, 2016 - Anti-Bullying Policy

3. The *Education Act, 2016* is amended by inserting after section 27 the following section —

“Anti-Bullying Policy

- 27A.**(1) Every school shall have a written Anti-Bullying Policy based on national policy and any other prescribed requirements.
- (2) A school shall submit its Anti-Bullying Policy to —
- (a) the Department, in the case of a Government school; or
 - (b) the governing body, in the case of an assisted or independent school.
- (3) The Department or governing body, as the case may be, shall review the Anti-Bullying Policy and submit it to the Ministry for final review and approval.
- (4) The Cabinet may make regulations —
- (a) generally for the effective implementation of Anti-Bullying Policies; and
 - (b) without limiting paragraph (a), prescribing the following —
 - (i) the contents of an Anti-Bullying Policy;
 - (ii) the reporting and notification requirements in relation to bullying;
 - (iii) the investigation procedures in relation to bullying;
 - (iv) the type and form of the disciplinary penalties to be imposed or other disciplinary action to be taken for breaches of an Anti-Bullying Policy;
 - (v) the procedures for enforcing the disciplinary penalties or other disciplinary action;



- (vi) all matters that may be necessary for giving effect to the disciplinary mechanisms; and
- (vii) the submission of reports in relation to bullying.”.

Passed by the Parliament the 10th day of October, 2022.

Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks
Deputy Speaker

Zena Merren-Chin
Clerk of the Parliament