The Safe Schools for All Students Act repeals and replaces New Mexico's current bullying prevention statute.

1. Brings the state's bullying prevention statute into compliance with Federal and State laws, including Title IX, IDEA, and the New Mexico Human Rights Act.

   Based on a 2014 survey of 127 school districts and charter schools:

   - 91% of policies do not comply with Title IX
   - 36% of policies do not comply with federal reporting timelines
   - 17% of policies do not comply with NM statute
   - 26% do not have a policy

2. Provides comprehensive guidance for model policy development and implementation.

   Based on a 2016 survey of 150 New Mexico educators:

   - 57% of Bullying Prevention programs are weak or very weak
   - 69% of Training programs for educators are weak or very weak
   - 55% of Intervention & response procedures are weak or very weak

"No proactive measures for training or implementation of policies or procedures are present at my school." - New Mexico Educator
Phases in centralized reporting and monitoring procedures, consistent with best practices.

Based on the 2013 NM Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey and NM Public Education Department public records:

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50,000

Bullying incidences go unreported each school year

Percent of bullying incidences (3%) accounted for by PED in a given school year

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Defines “progressive discipline” in a restorative frame to address behavior, rather than zero-tolerance policies that don’t change behavior and lead to drop-out.

Based on NM Public Education Department public records and 2016 NM Educator survey:

Suspending or expelling students ranks second highest among bullying interventions in New Mexico schools, with 45% of educators reporting it as common practice.

"[It is common practice to] blame the victim, tell them to fight back, or move them to a different school."

- New Mexico Educator

70%

Percent of students involved in bullying and/or harassment incidents who are suspended and/or expelled

10,400

The number of New Mexico students who miss school each month due to threats to their safety.

2013 New Mexico Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey

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