A Bill to Hold Parents Accountable for their Minor Child's Bullying

1   BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2   **SECTION 1.   Parental Responsibility for Bullying Act**

3   This Act may be cited as the "Parental Responsibility for Bullying Act."

4   **SECTION 2.   Definitions**

5   **A.** Minor Child: For the purpose of this Act, a minor child is defined as an individual under

6   the age of 18 years.

7   **B.** Bullying: Bullying is defined as any repeated aggressive behavior meant to hurt,

8   threaten, or intimidate another person, verbally, physically, or socially.

9   **SECTION 3.   Parental Responsibility**

10   **A.** Parents or legal guardians of a minor child who has been found guilty of bullying, as

11   determined by a court of law, shall be held accountable for their child's actions.

12   **B.** Upon a minor child being found guilty of bullying, parents or legal guardians shall be

13   required to attend mandatory counseling sessions with a licensed therapist specializing

14   adolescent behavior and bullying prevention.

15   **C.** Failure to attend the mandatory counseling sessions within a specified period, not

16   exceeding 90 days from the date of conviction, shall result in fines, determined by the

17   court, to be paid by the parents or legal guardians.

18   **D.** In cases of repeated offenses by the minor child, parents or legal guardians shall be

19   liable for community service hours to be served in organizations dedicated to bullying

20   prevention, mental health support, or community outreach, as determined by the court.

21   **SECTION 4.   Implementation**

22   **A.** The Department of Education, in coordination with state and local education

23   authorities, shall be responsible for implementing this Act.

24   **B.** The Department of Education shall allocate necessary funds to provide counseling

25   services for families, especially those with financial constraints, to ensure accessibility

26   and affordability.

27   **SECTION 5.   Effective Date**

28   This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are

29   hereby declared null and void.