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An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1 Clause 26(1)(1) of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the *Education Act*, is amended by striking out "is persistently defiant or disobedient" in the last line and substituting "engages in severely disruptive behaviour, including bullying and cyberbullying".
- 2 Subsection 38(2) of Chapter 1 is amended by adding immediately after clause (e) the following clause:
 - (ea) investigate and respond to reports of severely disruptive behaviour of students, including incidents of bullying and cyberbullying, and, where the principal believes the well-being of a student has been endangered as a result of the severely disruptive behaviour of any other student, notify the parents of the students;
- 3 Subsection 40(1) of Chapter 1 is amended by adding immediately after clause (c) the following clause:
 - (ca) report to the principal or other person in charge of a school the conduct of any student who engages in severely disruptive behaviour, including bullying and cyberbullying;
- 4 Subsection 145(1) of Chapter 1, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2002, Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2007, Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2008, Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2010, Chapter 57 of the Acts of 2011 and Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2012, is further amended by repealing clauses (pa), (pb) and (pc) and substituting the following clause:
 - (pa) defining "disruptive behaviour", "severely disruptive behaviour", "bullying" and "cyberbullying";
- 5 Sections 2 and 3 come into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.
