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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school system personnel;
creating s. 231.265, F.S.; providing a penalty
for instructional personnel and administrative
personnel who have knowledge of sexual battery
committed by a student upon another student and
fail to report it; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 231.265, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

231.265 Failure to report certain offenses;
penalty.--If any instructional personnel or administrative
personnel has knowledge that a sexual battery has been
committed by a student upon another student and fails to
report the offense to a law enforcement agency having
jurisdiction over the school plant, or over the place where
the sexual battery occurred if not on the grounds of the
school plant, that failure constitutes a misdemeanor of the
first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

SENATE SUMMARY

Makes it a first-degree misdemeanor for school
instructional personnel or administrative personnel who
know of the commission of a sexual battery by a student
upon another student to fail to report that offense to an
appropriate law enforcement agency.