

(b) A principal, teacher, [or] school security guard, OR OTHER SCHOOL ~~BASED STAFF SYSTEM PERSONNEL~~ who is hurt while TAKING PREVENTIVE ACTION OR intervening in a fight under this section:

(1) Shall be compensated by the county board for any necessary medical expenses that result directly from the PREVENTIVE ACTION OR intervention; and

(2) May not lose any compensation for time lost from school duties that results directly from the PREVENTIVE ACTION OR intervention, but compensation may be reduced by any payments made under the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act.

(c) In any suit, claim, or criminal charge brought by a parent or other claimant of one of the combatants against the principal, teacher, [or] school security guard, OR OTHER SCHOOL ~~BASED STAFF SYSTEM PERSONNEL~~ because of the PREVENTIVE ACTION OR intervention, the county board:

(1) Shall provide legal counsel for the principal, teacher, [or] school security guard, OR OTHER SCHOOL ~~BASED STAFF SYSTEM PERSONNEL~~ or may provide reimbursement for the reasonable expenses of the legal defense of any criminal charge if the county board considers it appropriate; and

(2) Shall save the principal, teacher, [or] school security guard, OR OTHER SCHOOL ~~BASED STAFF SYSTEM PERSONNEL~~ harmless from any award or decree against him.

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(a) (1) A principal, assistant principal, or school security guard of a public school may make a reasonable search of a student on the school premises OR ON A SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIP if he has a reasonable belief that the student has in his possession an item, the possession of which is a criminal offense under the laws of this State OR A VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER STATE LAW OR A RULE OR REGULATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD.

(2) The search shall be made in the presence of a third party.

(b) (1) A principal, assistant principal, or school security guard of a public school may make a search of the physical plant of the school and its appurtenances including the lockers of students.

(2) The right of the school official to search the locker shall be announced or published previously in the school.

(c) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations relating to the searches permitted under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

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