

32-336 Corporal punishment of students; method of administering punishment

Where so authorized by an area, county or independent board of education, any principal or teacher employed by the board of education, in order to maintain proper control and discipline over pupils placed under his care and supervision, may, in the exercise of his sound discretion, administer, corporal punishment on any such pupil or pupils: Provided, however, that such corporal punishment shall not be excessive or unduly severe: and Provided, further, that corporal punishment shall be administered only in the presence of one other principal or teacher employed by the area, county or independent board so authorizing corporal punishment hereunder. (Acts 1964, pp. 673, 674)

I have underlined two portions of the law which I feel warrant a special attention: the severity of the punishment administered and the necessity for having a professional witness. Since corporal punishment is an extremely sensitive area, I would hope that Principals or assistant principals would be present whenever it is deemed necessary to administer such punishment.