

## P.E.R.I.M.E.T.E.R. Act

Protecting, Education through, Restricted, Interference and  
Mandated, Enforcement of, Threat-Free, Educational, Radii Act

### Section 1. Short Title

This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Safe School Perimeter Act.”

### Section 2. Legislative Findings and Purpose

The Legislature finds that:

Children have a fundamental right to a safe, calm, and distraction-free learning environment.

Protests and demonstrations near K-12 schools have, in some instances, disrupted learning, caused fear, and endangered students and staff.

Large or spontaneous gatherings near schools present inherent safety risks because the identities, intentions, and backgrounds of participants are unknown, making it difficult to assess potential threats in real time.

The purpose of this Act is not to restrict lawful speech, but to establish reasonable time, place, and manner protections around schools in order to safeguard minors and preserve school operations.

### Section 3. Definitions

For purposes of this Act:

- a. “School” means any public, charter, or private K-12 school facility, including school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, parking areas, and school-owned property.
- b. “Protest or Demonstration” means any organized or unorganized gathering of two or more persons intended to express political, ideological, social, or religious views through chanting, signage, amplified speech, marching, or other expressive conduct.
- c. “School Perimeter Zone” means all areas within one-quarter (0.25) mile of a school’s property boundaries.

### Section 4. Prohibited Conduct

No person shall organize, lead, participate in, or encourage a protest or demonstration within a School Perimeter Zone while school is in session or during school-sponsored activities.

This prohibition applies regardless of viewpoint or subject matter.

## Section 5. Exceptions

This Act does not prohibit:

- a. Peaceful school-approved assemblies or educational activities conducted on school grounds.
- b. Parents or guardians engaging in ordinary school-related activities such as pick-up, drop-off, conferences, or sporting events.
- c. Individual expressive activity that is not part of an organized protest and does not disrupt school operations.
- d. Lawful labor activity, neighborhood gatherings, or casual expressive activity that is not organized as a protest and does not disrupt school operations.

## Section 6. Penalties

A person who knowingly violates this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by:

A fine of not more than \$1,000, and/or

Imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

### Enhanced Penalty — Serious Interference With School Safety

A person who, during a violation of this Act:

- a. Blocks or obstructs school entrances or exits;
- b. Uses amplified sound devices; or
- c. Engages in threatening, harassing, or intimidating conduct toward students, school staff, or parents

is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable by:

A fine of not more than \$2,000, and/or  
Imprisonment for not more than 180 days.

#### Section 7. Enforcement

Local and state law enforcement agencies are authorized to enforce this Act.

Officers may order violators to disperse and may make an arrest without a warning when necessary to protect student safety or restore order.

#### Section 8. Civil Liability Protection

No school district, school employee, or law enforcement officer acting in good faith under this Act shall be subject to civil liability for actions taken in enforcement.

#### Section 9. Severability

If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

#### Section 10. Notice and Signage

School districts shall post clearly visible signage at primary entrances stating that protests and demonstrations are prohibited within the School Perimeter Zone.

Failure to post signage does not invalidate enforcement of this Act.

#### Section 11. Reporting

The Department of Public Safety shall submit an annual report to the Legislature summarizing enforcement actions taken under this Act, including the number of warnings issued, citations issued, arrests made, and enhanced-penalty charges filed.