

conduct during background investigations, or during other actions, involved in the hiring of a teacher.

**(e) Rules of construction**

**(1) Concerning responsibility of teachers to schools and governmental entities**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any civil action brought by any school or any governmental entity against any teacher of such school.

**(2) Concerning corporal punishment**

Nothing in this subpart shall be construed to affect any State or local law (including a rule or regulation) or policy pertaining to the use of corporal punishment.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title II, §2366, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title II, §201, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1668.)

**§ 6737. Allocation of responsibility for non-economic loss**

**(a) General rule**

In any civil action against a teacher, based on an act or omission of a teacher acting within the scope of the teacher's employment or responsibilities to a school or governmental entity, the liability of the teacher for non-economic loss shall be determined in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

**(b) Amount of liability**

**(1) In general**

**(A) Liability**

Each defendant who is a teacher shall be liable only for the amount of noneconomic loss allocated to that defendant in direct proportion to the percentage of responsibility of that defendant (determined in accordance with paragraph (2)) for the harm to the claimant with respect to which that defendant is liable.

**(B) Separate judgment**

The court shall render a separate judgment against each defendant in an amount determined pursuant to subparagraph (A).

**(2) Percentage of responsibility**

For purposes of determining the amount of noneconomic loss allocated to a defendant who is a teacher under this section, the trier of fact shall determine the percentage of responsibility of each person responsible for the claimant's harm, whether or not such person is a party to the action.

**(c) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to preempt or supersede any Federal or State law that further limits the application of joint liability in a civil action described in subsection (a) of this section, beyond the limitations established in this section.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title II, §2367, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title II, §201, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1670.)

**§ 6738. Effective date**

**(a) In general**

This subpart shall take effect 90 days after January 8, 2002.

**(b) Application**

This subpart applies to any claim for harm caused by an act or omission of a teacher if that claim is filed on or after the effective date of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 without regard to whether the harm that is the subject of the claim or the conduct that caused the harm occurred before such effective date.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title II, §2368, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title II, §201, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1670.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the effective date of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, referred to in subsec. (b), see section 5 of Pub. L. 107-110, set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendment note under section 6301 of this title.

PART D—ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

**§ 6751. Short title**

This part may be cited as the "Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001".

(Pub. L. 89-10, title II, §2401, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title II, §201, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1671.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2401 of Pub. L. 89-10 was classified to section 6701 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

**§ 6752. Purposes and goals**

**(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this part are the following:

(1) To provide assistance to States and localities for the implementation and support of a comprehensive system that effectively uses technology in elementary schools and secondary schools to improve student academic achievement.

(2) To encourage the establishment or expansion of initiatives, including initiatives involving public-private partnerships, designed to increase access to technology, particularly in schools served by high-need local educational agencies.

(3) To assist States and localities in the acquisition, development, interconnection, implementation, improvement, and maintenance of an effective educational technology infrastructure in a manner that expands access to technology for students (particularly for disadvantaged students) and teachers.

(4) To promote initiatives that provide school teachers, principals, and administrators with the capacity to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction that are aligned with challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards, through such means as high-quality professional development programs.

(5) To enhance the ongoing professional development of teachers, principals, and administrators by providing constant access to training and updated research in teaching and learning through electronic means.

(6) To support the development and utilization of electronic networks and other innovative methods, such as distance learning, of delivering specialized or rigorous academic