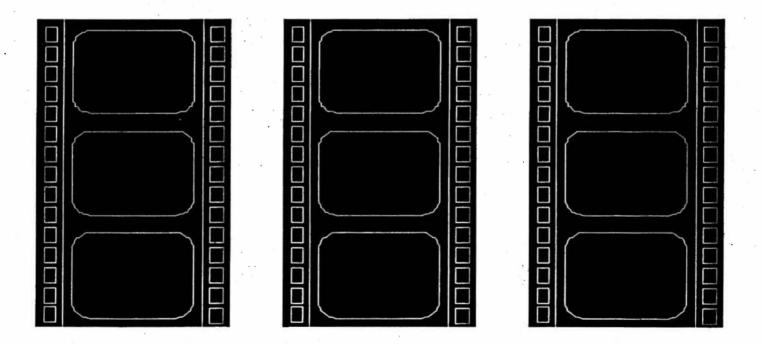


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The security of students and school personnel and a congenial atmosphere for learning have suffered at public schools in many communities as a result of unchecked disorderly conduct on the part of some students. In some cities, schools have become armed camps because school personnel have been powerless to maintain discipline and order.

Many school boards would like to implement good conduct and discipline codes, along with sound rules and regulations to allow appropriate punishment at school of students who need stern adult authority. It is widely believed that such discipline within the school system itself, administered with the approval and cooperation of parents, is often preferable to expulsion from school or possible encounters by young offenders with the police or courts.

Corporal punishment of minor students at school, when handled in a proper and timely manner, could prevent much juvenile delinquency and possible later careers of crime by adults who did not receive the discipline they needed as youngsters at home and at school.

The suggested School Discipline Act provides such authority for local school boards to implement rules and regulations governing the use of responsible corporal punishment in the public schools.