

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
House Bill 14
Favorable with Amendment

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee;

Please give House Bill 14, regarding the collection and reporting of bullying, harassment, and intimidation by the county boards of education, a favorable report with an amendment (as described below.)

It's important to identify the prevalence of bullying, harassment, and intimidation of students based on personal characteristics so that any trends can be noted for further interventions. This information should be posted on the county board websites so that the community, especially parents of students, can be informed.

I respectfully request an amendment to this bill to strike the part that calls for a "substantial increase," both because "substantial" is undefined, and because information about any amount of bullying (etc.) based on personal characteristics should be collected and reported.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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