

Ways and Means Committee  
House Bill 14  
Favorable with Amendment

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Ways and Means 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 (and potential community members), especially parents of students, can be informed.

I respectfully request an amendment to this bill for counties to also track this type of bullying **per school** within each county so that administrators can address the issue in their individual schools. It is likely that some schools within a county have a greater problem with personal characteristic-based bullying, harassment, and intimidation than others, and individual school and community cultures may need specific types of responses.

Please consider my amendment and give House Bill 14 a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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