

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 222
Version:	ENGR
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

SB222 modifies the definition of “bullying” to include harassment, intimidation, threatening behavior, spreading rumors, and excluding someone from a group as a means of causing harm.

The measure requires:

- School districts to update their policies on bullying annually
- Anonymous reports to be investigated in the same manner as other reports
- Anyone who reports an incident of bullying in good faith to be immune from any damages arising out the reporting
- Schools to notify the parents of both the bullied student, and the bully, within 24 hours of a report of incident
- Annual training for school resource officers
- Each board of education to hold a public hearing on their proposed policy
- The superintendent of each district to provide a report each semester on the district’s bullying prevention activities and reported incidents of bullying

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.