State Cyberbullying Laws

A Brief Review of State Cyberbullying Laws and Policies

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	Bullying law	Include "cyberbullying"[1]	Include electronic harassment	Criminal sanction	School sanction	Requires School Policy	Include off campus behaviors?[2]
Alabama	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
Alaska	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Arizona	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Arkansas	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
California	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Colorado	YES[3]	NO	YES	proposed	YES	YES	NO
Connecticut	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Delaware	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Florida	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Georgia	YES	proposed	YES	NO	YES	YES	proposed
Hawaii	YES	YES	YES	proposed	YES	YES	NO
Idaho	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Illinois	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Indiana	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Iowa	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Kansas	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Kentucky	YES	proposed	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Louisiana	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Maine	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Maryland	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Massachusetts	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Michigan	YES	YES	YES	proposed	NO	YES	NO
Minnesota	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Mississippi	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Missouri	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Montana	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
Nebraska	YES	proposed	YES	NO	YES	YES	proposed
Nevada	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
New Hampshire	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
New Jersey	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
New Mexico	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
New York	YES	YES	YES	proposed	YES	YES	YES
North Carolina	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
North Dakota	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Ohio	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Oklahoma	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Oregon	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Pennsylvania	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Rhode Island	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
South Carolina	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
South Dakota	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Tennessee	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Texas	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Utah	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Vermont	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Virginia	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Washington	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
West Virginia	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
Wisconsin	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Wyoming	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
STATE TOTALS	49	21	48	14	44	49	14
FEDERAL	NO	proposed-2009	proposed	proposed	NO	NO	NO
Washington DC	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES

[1]Indicates laws that actually include the terms "cyberbullying" or "cyber-bullying." This is compared to states that simply refer to electronic harassment or bullying using electronic means. See actual law for more details.
[2]Federal case law allows schools to discipline students for off-campus behavior that results in a substantial disruption of the learning environment at school. These states have simply codified that standard in state statute.
[3]See specific state info below for more details.

Please let us know if you are aware of any updates not included in this summary.