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SYNOPSIS

Revises definition of “harassment, intimidation or bullying” under “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning harassment, intimidation or bullying in school
2 settings and amending P.L.2002, c.83.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-14) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. As used in this act:

10 "Electronic communication" means a communication transmitted
11 by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a
12 telephone, cellular phone, computer, or pager;

13 "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any gesture, any
14 written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication,
15 whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents, that is
16 reasonably perceived as being motivated either by any actual or
17 perceived action, behavior, or characteristic of the aggrieved party,
18 such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender,
19 sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental,
20 physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing
21 characteristic, that takes place on school property, at any school-
22 sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds as
23 provided for in section 16 of P.L.2010, c.122 (C.18A:37-15.3), that
24 substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the
25 school or the rights of other students and that:

26 a. a reasonable person should know, under the circumstances,
27 will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a student
28 or damaging the student's property, or placing a student in
29 reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his person or
30 damage to his property;

31 b. has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student or group
32 of students; or

33 c. creates a hostile educational environment for the student by
34 interfering with a student's education or by severely or pervasively
35 causing physical or emotional harm to the student.

36 (cf: P.L.2010, c.122, s.11)

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38 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
39 following the date of enactment.