

HB 1218 -- Bullying in Public Schools

Sponsor: Kraus

This bill requires school districts to develop a policy by September 1, 2007, to prevent harassment, intimidation, and bullying on school property, school buses, and at school functions. The policy must cover, among other issues, the consequences and remedial action for bullying, procedures for reporting and investigating it, and the notification of parents of students involved in the incident. The bill prohibits retaliation and requires the reporting of incidents for which employees, students, and volunteers will be exempt from liability under certain conditions. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will develop a model policy by December 1, 2006.