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**I am in Support of this Bill on its face and its intention to define Bullying, mandating that bullying is Reported to the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education along with Law Enforcement. We NEED to curb and rid Bullying from our Society and Communities. Where will the \$1.400,000 in Apportionment come from?**



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I oppose this bill as written. The new definition is far too narrow. It needs to be amended on page 6 to add language to include gender-based epithets, language attacking gender identity and sexual orientation, and language/actions regarding body-shaming. Additionally, I would remove the word "notoriously." Sometime students make up their own language or use current language that has not had time to become notorious. Bullies will find a way. I was bullied mercilessly because I was the first child to wear glasses. Several of my family members were bullied for having red hair and kids used the term "Ginger" in a pejorative manner. I would also like to see an education piece for YOUNGER students who might not know what they are saying is wrong and are just parroting adult around them. Finally, I would add a provision to address off campus incidents by requiring schools to cooperate with law-enforcement. It needs to protect teachers from repercussion and being bullied themselves. Bullies have a keen sense of doing things when adults are not around. One more amendment I would add is a requirement for school districts to study and report bullying data and discipline for such disaggregated by race and gender to protect equity to ensure discipline and protection are meted out equitably.



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Anti-bullying but no DEI allowed. Anti-bullying but no books or discussion on LGBTQ anything... including teacher can't talk about it to prevent or address bullying. Anti-bullying but need to out kids. Anti-bullying but no bright-line definition to determine what gets police reported. The result of it all. Schools will report everything as bullying to the police for fear some lawyer will define the way they handle a situation and turn them in (and - administrators DO handle situations; and true, it's not 100% but pretty close)



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To be clear - schools should do everything in its power to prevent and respond to bullying of any kind. This bill does not do that. The definition of bullying is sound, but not a bright line. Some of the terms in "bullying" are quantifiable; some are vague. Administrators can address all bullying, vague or not with students, parents, and employees. Turning a vague judgment into a mandated report to the police will not prevent bullying. Schools will land on the side of calling everything bullying and report at the risk of not and having it be judged as bullying later. Furthermore - how is a school going to address bullying when the taunts are about a student or the student's family sexual orientation. Teachers are walking on egg shells about those topic. If a teacher addresses bullying based on sexual orientation, you will deem that a reportable offense. If a teacher doesn't address bullying per this bill, that will be a reportable offense. **STOP BULLYING NOW** - but not with this bill as worded.



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