

HB 1082 -- Bullying

Sponsor: Lampe

This bill changes the laws regarding bullying in schools. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Broadens the definition of "bullying" to include discrimination, substantial interference with student performance, and disruptive behavior;
- (2) Prohibits bullying by school employees or students on school property, at school functions, and on school buses;
- (3) Changes the requirement that a bullying policy not enumerate protected classification of individuals to a specified list of protected classifications;
- (4) Adds several elements to the required policies that school districts must have, including procedures for reporting and investigating incidents; and
- (5) Requires the State Board of Education to develop model policies no later than September 1, 2008.