

HB 1384 -- CYBERBULLYING

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This bill authorizes any school district to subject a student to discipline for cyberbullying. The district must have jurisdiction to prohibit cyberbullying that originates on a school's campus if the electronic communication was made using the school's technological resources or the electronic communication was made on the school's campus using the student's own personal technological resources. The district must have jurisdiction to prohibit cyberbullying that originates off the school's campus if it was reasonably foreseeable that the electronic communication would reach the school's campus or there is a sufficient nexus between the electronic communication and the school which includes, but is not limited to, speech that is directed at a school-specific audience or the speech was brought onto or accessed on the school campus, even if it was not the student in question who did so.

"Cyberbullying" means bullying through the transmission of a communication including, but not limited to, a message, text, sound, or image by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager.

This bill is similar to HB 495 (2015).