

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to bullying or harassment; amending s.
 3 1006.147, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to
 4 create a stand-alone model policy designed to protect
 5 students from bullying and harassment; providing criteria;
 6 requiring that each public K-12 educational institution
 7 designate a school employee as counselor for any student
 8 suffering from bullying or harassment; requiring the
 9 Department of Education to approve and produce training
 10 materials; requiring the department to provide the
 11 materials at no cost to public K-12 educational
 12 institutions; providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Present subsections (8), (9), and (10) of
 17 section 1006.147, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
 18 subsections (11), (12), and (13), respectively, and new
 19 subsections (8), (9), and (10) are added to that section, to
 20 read:

21 1006.147 Bullying and harassment prohibited.—

22 (8) The department shall create a stand-alone model policy
 23 designed to protect students from bullying or harassment. The
 24 model policy shall include:

25 (a) A curriculum for pre-K through 12;

26 (b) Instruction on awareness for parents and all school
 27 staff;

28 (c) Investigation and resolution by the school

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29 administration or their designee of bullying or harassment that
30 occurs off school grounds using nonschool technology, but has
31 such negative impact on the school environment as to create a
32 safety risk between students in conflict;

33 (d) The prominent display of posters at schools and
34 advertisements on school and district websites of the importance
35 of Internet safety and how to report bullying and harassment;
36 and

37 (e) A procedure for immediate notification to parents of
38 the consequences of bullying and harassment and the availability
39 of counseling resources.

40 (9) Each public K-12 educational institution shall
41 designate a school employee to serve as a counselor for any
42 student suffering from bullying or harassment.

43 (10) The department shall approve and produce materials
44 that are used to train designated school employees as counselors
45 for students suffering from bullying or harassment. The
46 department shall provide the materials to each public K-12
47 educational institution at no cost.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.