

2 **SHB 1444** - S AMD TO EDU COMM AMD (S-4563.1/02)AMD 734
3 By Senators McAuliffe and Zarelli

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5 Beginning on page 1, line 18 of the amendment, strike all of
6 section 2 and insert the following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) By August 1, 2003, each school district
8 shall adopt or amend if necessary a policy, within the scope of its
9 authority, that prohibits the harassment, intimidation, or bullying of
10 any student. It is the responsibility of each school district to share
11 this policy with parents or guardians, students, volunteers, and school
12 employees.

13 (2) "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any intentional
14 written, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one
15 shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36.080(3), or
16 other distinguishing characteristics, when the intentional written,
17 verbal, or physical act:

18 (a) Physically harms a student or damages the student's property;
19 or

20 (b) Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's
21 education; or

22 (c) Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an
23 intimidating or threatening educational environment; or

24 (d) Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly
25 operation of the school.

26 Nothing in this section requires the affected student to actually
27 possess a characteristic that is a basis for the harassment,
28 intimidation, or bullying.

29 (3) The policy should be adopted or amended through a process that
30 includes representation of parents or guardians, school employees,
31 volunteers, students, administrators, and community representatives.
32 It is recommended that each such policy emphasize positive character
33 traits and values, including the importance of civil and respectful
34 speech and conduct, and the responsibility of students to comply with
35 the district's policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, or
36 bullying.

1 (4) By August 1, 2002, the superintendent of public instruction, in
2 consultation with representatives of parents, school personnel, and
3 other interested parties, shall provide to school districts and
4 educational service districts a model harassment, intimidation, and
5 bullying prevention policy and training materials on the components
6 that should be included in any district policy. Training materials
7 shall be disseminated in a variety of ways, including workshops and
8 other staff developmental activities, and through the office of the
9 superintendent of public instruction's web site, with a link to the
10 safety center web page. On the web site:

11 (a) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall
12 post its model policy, recommended training materials, and
13 instructional materials;

14 (b) The office of the superintendent of public instruction has the
15 authority to update with new technologies access to this information in
16 the safety center, to the extent resources are made available; and

17 (c) Individual school districts shall have direct access to the
18 safety center web site to post a brief summary of their policies,
19 programs, partnerships, vendors, and instructional and training
20 materials, and to provide a link to the school district's web site for
21 further information."

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