

House Bill 45

“An Act relating to harassment, intimidation, or bullying by students attending a public school in the state.”

Sectional Analysis

Section 1 – removes “whether verbal or physical” from AS 14.33.220(b). Removing this specification implies that this bill refers to bullying through any action, regardless of the means of communication.

Section 2 – inserts “electronic communication” as a possible form of harassment in AS 14.33.250(2). Currently, schools are required by statute to have anti-bullying policies. This section requires school districts to expand their anti-bullying policies to cover cyberbullying as well.