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### **SPONSOR STATEMENT** **SENATE BILL 128**

With advances in technology and social media, harassment by electronic means, or “cyberbullying,” has become increasingly prevalent. Our current statutes allow for some forms of bullying to be handled within the school system, however not all bullying occurs on or near school property. In some extreme cases, cyberbullying has led to suicide. SB 128 will allow for punishment outside of the school system, and makes harassment of a person under 18 years of age by electronic communication a class B misdemeanor.

I encourage your support on SB 128.