

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 539

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING SECTION 33-1631, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PRO-
2 VISIONS REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BUL-
3 LYING INFORMATION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN
4 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 33-1631, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 33-1631. REQUIREMENTS FOR HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING IN-
10 FORMATION ~~AND --~~ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. (1) School districts and charter
11 schools shall undertake reasonable efforts to ensure that information on ha-
12 rassment, intimidation, and bullying of students is disseminated annually
13 to all school personnel, parents or legal guardians, and students, includ-
14 ing an affirmation that school personnel are authorized and expected to in-
15 tervene or facilitate intervention on behalf of students facing harassment,
16 intimidation, or bullying. The principal or principal's designee shall no-
17 tify the parents or legal guardians of each student aggressor and victim in
18 an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, or if a student has in-
19 dicated an inclination for harm to self or others. The notification shall
20 include parental empowerment materials, including suicide prevention re-
21 sources and information on methods to limit students' access to means of harm
22 to self or others. The school district shall set a policy for the timeliness
23 of notification. The state department of education shall make available ma-
24 terials and reference lists as it deems necessary to make effective the pro-
25 visions of this section, and each school principal shall share with the par-
26 ents and guardians those materials and any corresponding materials created
27 by such principal's school district.

28 (2) School districts and charter schools shall provide ongoing profes-
29 sional development to build skills of all school staff members to prevent,
30 identify and respond to harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The state
31 board shall promulgate rules regarding the content of the professional de-
32 velopment required by this subsection.

33 (3) District policies shall include a series of graduated consequences
34 that may include, but are not limited to, referral to counseling, diversion,
35 use of juvenile specialty courts, restorative practices, on-site suspension
36 and expulsion for any student who commits an act of bullying, intimidation,
37 harassment, violence or threats of violence. Guidelines for such policies
38 will be set forth in the rules of the state board.

39 (4) ~~Annually school districts shall report bullying incidents~~ Each
40 school district shall report the harassment, intimidation, and bullying
41 incidents and confirmation that parents or legal guardians were notified
42 and provided with materials required by subsection (1) of this section to

1 the state department of education in a format set forth in rule by the state
2 board. District policy shall designate persons to whom bullying reports are
3 to be made and a procedure for a teacher or other school employee, student,
4 parent, guardian or other person to report or otherwise provide information
5 on bullying activity.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after July
7 1, 2025.