

House bill 2261 was signed into law by the Governor and amends current law related to school district policies on bullying as well as several other non-bullying related items. Current law defines “bullying” as an intentional gesture or threat creating an intimidating environment for a student or staff member. The bill would clarify the definition of bullying to mean any threat by a student, staff member, or parent toward a student or by any student, staff member, or parent toward a staff member. The bill would define “parent” to include a guardian, custodian, or other person with authority to act on behalf of a child. The bill would define “staff member” to mean any person employed by the school district. Finally, the bill would require these changes be reflected in the school districts’ policies and plans to address bullying.