

Senate Bill 489

Sponsored by Senator GELSER, Representative NOBLE (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Encourages school districts to collaborate and enter into agreements with law enforcement and providers of social media websites and applications for purpose of responding to acts of cyberbullying.

Directs Department of Education to conduct evaluation to identify methods for reducing incidences of cyberbullying.

Directs department to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.

Sunset December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school cyberbullying; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.359; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.359 is amended to read:

6 339.359. (1) School districts must incorporate into existing training programs for students and
7 school employees information related to:

8 (a) The prevention of, and the appropriate response to, acts of harassment, intimidation and
9 bullying and acts of cyberbullying; and

10 (b) The policy adopted under ORS 339.356.

11 (2) School districts are encouraged to form task forces and to implement programs and other
12 initiatives that are aimed at the prevention of, and the appropriate response to, acts of harassment,
13 intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying and that involve school employees, students, ad-
14 ministrators, volunteers, parents, guardians, law enforcement and community representatives.

15 **(3) School districts are encouraged to collaborate, and may enter into agreements, with**
16 **law enforcement and providers of social media websites and applications to share information**
17 **about online content for the purpose of allowing a school district to appropriately respond**
18 **to acts of cyberbullying while protecting a student's privacy.**

19 **SECTION 2.** (1) **The Department of Education shall conduct an evaluation to identify best**
20 **practices for reducing incidences of cyberbullying by encouraging collaboration between**
21 **school districts, law enforcement and providers of social media websites and applications.**

22 **(2)(a) For the purpose of the evaluation, the department shall consult with represen-**
23 **tatives from school districts, law enforcement and providers of social media websites and**
24 **applications.**

25 **(b) To the extent practicable, the department and the entities described in paragraph (a)**
26 **of this subsection shall identify:**

27 **(A) Methods by which school districts, law enforcement and providers of social media**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **websites and applications may collaborate to reduce incidences of cyberbullying;**

2 **(B) Information that law enforcement or a provider of a social medial program or appli-**
3 **cation may disclose to a school district to enable the school district to address an incident**
4 **of cyberbullying; and**

5 **(C) Safeguards to protecting any information disclosed to a school district.**

6 **(3) The department shall report the results of the study in the manner provided by ORS**
7 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the**
8 **Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2020.**

9 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.**

10 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
12 **on its passage.**

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