

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/HB 229 — Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools

by K-12 Subcommittee; and Rep. Geller and others (CS/SB 268 by Fiscal Policy; and Senators Ring and Sachs)

The bill requires a school district's policy on prohibiting bullying and harassment to be implemented by each school principal and reviewed at least every 3 years. The bill also requires such policy to include a procedure for receiving reports of alleged acts of bullying or harassment and a list of bullying prevention and intervention programs authorized by the school district.

Furthermore, the bill provides that chapter 2010-217, L.O.F., codified as s. 1006.148, F.S., relating to school district policies on dating violence and abuse, may be cited as "Taylor's Law for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention."

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 107-3