

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 515

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 OR BULLY-  
3 ING INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-  
4 RECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN 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 OR~~ BULLYING  
10 INFORMATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. (1) School districts and public  
11 charter schools shall undertake reasonable efforts to ensure that informa-  
12 tion on harassment, intimidation ~~and or~~ bullying of students, as defined in  
13 section 18-917A, Idaho Code, is disseminated annually to all school person-  
14 nel, parents, and students, including an affirmation that school personnel  
15 are authorized and expected to intervene or facilitate intervention on be-  
16 half of students facing harassment, intimidation or bullying.

17 (2) School districts and public charter schools shall provide ongoing  
18 professional development to build the skills of all school staff members to  
19 prevent, identify, and respond to harassment, intimidation ~~and or~~ bullying.  
20 The state board of education shall promulgate rules, subject to legislative  
21 approval, regarding the content of the professional development required by  
22 this subsection.

23 (3) ~~District~~ School district and public charter school policies shall  
24 include ~~a:~~

25 (a) A series of graduated consequences that may include, but are  
26 not limited to, referral to counseling, diversion, use of juvenile  
27 specialty courts, restorative practices, on-site suspension, and ex-  
28 pulsion for any student who commits an act of ~~bullying, intimidation,~~  
29 harassment, intimidation or bullying or an act of violence or threats of  
30 violence. Guidelines for such policies will shall be set forth in the  
31 rules of the state board; and

32 (b) In compliance with all federal and state laws protecting student  
33 privacy, a procedure for the mandatory reporting of any incidents of ha-  
34 arrassment, intimidation or bullying that result in a student being sus-  
35 suspended from school pursuant to section 33-205(6), Idaho Code, to the  
36 parents or legal guardians of both the alleged victim and the alleged  
37 offender involved in the incident.

38 ~~(4) Annually school districts shall report bullying incidents to the~~  
39 ~~state department of education in a format set forth in rule by the state~~  
40 ~~board. District policy shall designate persons to whom bullying reports are~~  
41 ~~to be made and a procedure for a teacher or other school employee, student,~~

1 ~~parent, guardian or other person to report or otherwise provide information~~  
2 ~~on bullying activity.~~

3 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
4 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
5 July 1, 2026.