

HB24-1285: Student Weight-Based Bullying Prevention

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Overview

According to research from the University of Connecticut, youth report that one of the most common forms of bullying in schools centers on the weight of victims. This act adds to the definition of prohibited bullying behaviors within a board of education's safe school plan as required by Colorado Revised Statute 22-32-109.1.

Current law identifies bullying behaviors that are subject to school district and charter school discipline policies and reporting requirements. This act adds a pattern of bullying based on a student's weight, height, or body size to the prohibited bullying behaviors. This law makes Colorado one of only a few states to include height and weight in their anti-bullying policies.

School Impact

Schools will be required to update their list of prohibited bullying behaviors to include weight, height, or body size based-bullying.

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