

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

NO. 8
Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY _____ October 20, 2023

REFERRED TO SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Discipline for Bullying Off School Property

This legislation would provide penalties for students who engage in bullying activities outside of school property. It is the responsibility of school administrators, school staff, students and student's families to understand that any form, type or level of bullying is unacceptable and to ensure that every incident that occurs outside of school will be taken seriously.

The following word when used in this act shall have the meanings given to it in this section:

“Bullying.” An intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or a series of acts including but not limited to:

- (1) Being directed at another student or students
- (2) Occurring outside of a school setting
- (3) Creating a threatening environment

In instances of hostile or physical acts, the school board shall determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of the above mentioned act of bullying.

Penalties may include anyone or more of the following:

- (1) 1st violation – must serve detention
- (2) 2nd violation and any subsequent violations – must complete 50 hours of community service

This act shall take effect in 60 days.