

Article - Education

7-424.

(a) In this section, "harassment or intimidation" means conduct, including verbal conduct, that:

(1) Creates a hostile educational environment by substantially interfering with a student's educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, or with a student's physical or psychological well-being and is:

(i) Motivated by an actual or a perceived personal characteristic such as race, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or disability; or

(ii) Threatening or seriously intimidating; and

(2) Occurs on school property, at a school activity or event, or on a school bus.

(b) (1) The Department shall require a county board to report incidents of harassment or intimidation against students attending a public school under the jurisdiction of the county board.

(2) An incident of harassment or intimidation may be reported by:

(I) [a] A student;

(II) [or the] THE parent, guardian, or close adult relative of a student; OR

(III) A SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER.

(c) (1) The Department shall create a standard victim of harassment or intimidation report form.

(2) Each victim of harassment or intimidation report form shall:

(i) Identify the victim and the alleged perpetrator, if known;

(ii) Indicate the age of the victim and alleged perpetrator;

(iii) Describe the incident, including alleged statements made by the alleged perpetrator;