
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 772 (Lowenthal) - Cyberbullying: off-campus acts: model policy

Version: June 30, 2025

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 29, 2025

Policy Vote: ED. 6 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires the California Department of Education (CDE), on or before June 1, 2026, to adopt a model policy on how to address reported acts of cyberbullying that occurs outside of school hours. The bill also requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to adopt the resulting policy or a similar policy developed with local input.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

**The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 29, 2025**

Fiscal Impact:

- The CDE estimates one-time General Fund costs of \$371,000 and 2.0 positions to support the development, posting, and distribution of the model policy required by this bill.
- This bill could result in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs, potentially in the low hundreds of thousands of dollars, for LEAs to adopt and post a cyberbullying policy on their websites. These activities are likely deemed to be a mandate by the Commission on State Mandates which could create pressure for the state to reimburse the associated costs to LEAs or provide additional funding through the K-12 Mandate Block Grant.

Author Amendments: Clarify that LEAs may modify their existing procedures to comply with the bill's requirements.

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