

Amendment No. 1 to HB2641

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2556**

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-308, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(4) and substituting instead the following:

(4) Communicates with another person or transmits or displays an image without legitimate purpose with the intent that that the image is viewed by the victim by any method described in subdivision (a)(1):

(A)

(i) With the malicious intent to threaten; or

(2) In a manner the defendant knows, or reasonably should know, would threaten a similarly situated person of reasonable sensibilities; and

(3) As the result of the communication, the person is threatened.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1016, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(c)

(1) Each school district shall, at the beginning of each school year, provide teachers and school counselors with training on bullying prevention and strategies to address bullying and harassment when it happens.

(2) The curriculum to be used for bullying training pursuant to subdivision (1) shall be made available for public inspection and the

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school district shall disclose annually how many teachers have been trained.

(3) Each school district shall also:

(A) At the beginning of each school year, make available to students and parents bullying prevention programs to promote awareness of the harmful effects of bullying and to permit discussion with respect to prevention policies and strategies.

(B) On a quarterly basis, prepare and provide a report concerning the number of bullying cases brought to the school's attention during the preceding quarter and the manner in which they were resolved or the reason they are still pending.

(4) At least once a year the department of education shall appear before the House of Representatives and Senate Education committees to update the membership on the number of bullying incidents reported statewide, the number of schools implementing bullying training and any other provision relating to the subject of bullying and harassment as will be helpful to the committee in establishing policy in this area.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.