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Proposed Bill No. 235

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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AN ACT STRENGTHENING SCHOOL BULLYING LAWS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That title 10 of the general statutes be amended to (1) require the
2 Department of Education to (A) provide or assist in the provision of
3 continuing required training to all school personnel on preventing,
4 identifying and responding to school bullying, including online
5 tutorials and in-person workshops, (B) provide or recommend model
6 anti-bullying curricula and policies to local and regional boards of
7 education, (C) develop model anti-bullying policies to help guide local
8 and regional boards of education, and (D) provide or assist in the
9 provision of anti-bullying information to parents, which shall include,
10 but not be limited to, a written description of the state law and training
11 materials; (2) expand the definition of bullying under section 10-222d
12 of the general statutes to include electronic communications and
13 certain other acts that may occur off of school property; (3) require
14 local and regional boards of education to include an anti-bullying
15 curriculum in the coursework for each grade; (4) prohibit and punish
16 acts of retaliation against individuals who report or aid in a bullying
17 investigation; (5) establish a uniform state-wide procedure for

18 investigating bullying; (6) require local and regional boards of
19 education to appoint an anti-bullying coordinator for the school
20 district from amongst existing school and district employees; (7)
21 require all school principals to appoint an anti-bullying specialist for
22 their school from amongst existing school employees; (8) require local
23 and regional boards of education to establish in each school in the
24 district a school safety committee that shall be responsible for assisting
25 in anti-bullying efforts and helping to foster a safe school climate; (9)
26 require all applicants for certification, pursuant to section 10-145b of
27 the general statutes, to successfully complete anti-bullying training;
28 and (10) provide civil immunity to individuals who report in good
29 faith incidents of bullying or aid in a bullying investigation.

Statement of Purpose:

To help foster safe school climates and by strengthening and expanding Connecticut's school bullying laws.