

House Bill 2637

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires school districts to adopt policy prohibiting cyberbullying.
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cyberbullying; creating new provisions; amending ORS 339.351; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 339.351 is amended to read:

6 339.351. As used in ORS 339.351 to 339.364[.]:

7 (1) **“Cyberbullying” means the use of any electronic communication device to convey a**
8 **message in any form that defames, intimidates, harasses or is otherwise intended to harm,**
9 **insult or humiliate another person in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner.**

10 (2) **“Harassment, intimidation or bullying” means:**

11 (a) Any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities or
12 performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored
13 activity, on school-provided transportation or at any official school bus stop, and that has the effect
14 of:

15 [(1)] (A) Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property;

16 [(2)] (B) Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or
17 damage to the student's property; or

18 [(3)] (C) Creating a hostile educational environment; **and**

19 (b) **Cyberbullying.**

20 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 339.351 by section 1 of this 2007 Act first apply to**
21 **the 2007-2008 school year.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
24 **July 1, 2007.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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