

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: David Woodward, Director of School Building Physical Security & Safety
Office of Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy

Date: July 13, 2018

Re: House Enrolled Act 1230 (special session) – cyberbullying (IC 20-19-3-11.5) prohibiting
bullying through a wireless or cellular communication device (IC 20-33-8-13.5)
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Background:

The Indiana General Assembly passed legislation during the 2018 special session requiring school corporations to maintain a link on their internet web site that links to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) resource page regarding the prevention and reporting of bullying and cyberbullying. School corporations must also include cellular telephone or other wireless communications devices in their discipline rules which prohibit bullying through the use of data or computer software (IC 20-33-8-13.5).

Guidance:

Effective July 1, 2018, all school corporations must provide and maintain a link on their corporation internet website that links to the IDOE resource page outlining resources and guidance for reporting bullying and cyberbullying incidents. IDOE has developed resources that provide guidance for parents and school officials outlining how to report incidents of bullying and cyberbullying incidents to law enforcement when the incident occurs off of school grounds. School corporation internet websites must link to the IDOE resource page found [here](#).

Finally, school corporations must ensure their discipline rules include prohibiting bullying through the use of a cellular telephone or other wireless, cellular communication device if these devices are not currently included in the policy.

If you have any questions, please contact David Woodward at (317) 232-6975 or email him at dwoodwar@doe.in.gov.