

THOMAS J. QUIGLEY, MEMBER
146TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

HARRISBURG OFFICE
PO BOX 202146
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-2146
PHONE: (717) 772-9863
FAX: (717) 772-2434

EMAIL: TQUIGLEY@PAHOUSEGOP.COM

DISTRICT OFFICE
1963 EAST HIGH STREET
SUITE 100
POTTSTOWN, PA 19464
PHONE: (610) 326-9563
FAX: (610) 718-5787



House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

COMMITTEES

APPROPRIATIONS
EDUCATION
LIQUOR CONTROL
HUMAN SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas J. Quigley
146th Legislative District

DATE: March 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention Law

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation amending the Public School Code to prohibit harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber-bullying in any Pennsylvania public educational institution.

I am proposing a bill that will guarantee the right of all students to participate fully in the educational process, free from harassment and bullying. A 2006 report of the school climate in Pennsylvania detailed pervasive biased language, bullying, name-calling and harassment in secondary schools. More than half of the students who experienced harassment or assault at school did not report it because they believed teachers and administrators could do nothing about it, or that reporting would only make the situation worse.

The bill I propose addresses harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyber-bullying in the public schools; requires School Boards to adopt anti-harassment and bullying policies; and, requires the Department of Education to develop a model policy and training materials, to review school districts for compliance, and to submit annual reports to the State legislature.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office by calling Lauren Pacella at 772-9963 or email her at lpacella@pahousegop.com.

TJQ/lp