

HB3851 • Illinois

SCH CD-CYBER-BULLYING

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Effective: Jul 01, 2026 | Last Action (Aug 15, 2025): Public Act 104-0338

Summary

This bill expands the definition of cyber-bullying to include posting digital replicas and sexually explicit images, effective July 1, 2026.

Business Impact

If you operate a school in Illinois, you must update your bullying policies to include new definitions and provisions by July 1, 2026, or face compliance issues.

Key Provisions

- Defines 'cyber-bullying' to include posting digital replicas.
- Includes posting or distributing sexually explicit images as bullying.
- The effective date for new definitions is July 1, 2026.

Compliance Checklist

- Update bullying prevention policies to include new definitions. | Who: All school districts, charter schools, and non-public schools in Illinois. | Penalty: Potential non-compliance notice from the State Board of Education.
- File updated bullying policies with the State Board of Education. | Who: All school districts, charter schools, and non-public schools. | Penalty: Notice of non-compliance published on the State Board's website.

Industries Affected

Technology

Education

Topics

AI Deepfakes

AI Likeness

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Janet Yang Rohr	D	Sponsor
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Camille Lilly	D	Sponsor
Nicolle Grasse	D	Sponsor
Martha Deuter	D	Sponsor
Matt Hanson	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-05-31	Concurrence in House	117	0	Passed
2025-05-30	Third Reading in Senate	57	0	Passed
2025-04-09	Third Reading in House	116	0	Passed

Amendments

- House Amendment 001 — 2025-04-04 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Amendment 001 — 2025-05-08 (Not Adopted)
- Senate Amendment 002 — 2025-05-13 (Not Adopted)

Related Bills

- HB5848 (IL)
- HB0299 (IL)

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