Status Update: Bullying Laws

At this time, all but one U.S. state have laws in place that address bullying. Many provinces and territories in Canada also have laws against bullying. Do you know what your laws say? Use the following questions as a starting point for learning more about the specifics of the laws that affect you.

1. What is your state, province, or territory?

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2. Does it have a bullying law?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. In what year was the law last updated?

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4. How does your state, province, or territory define bullying?

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5. Does your law specifically include the word "cyberbullying"?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Does your law specifically refer to electronic forms of bullying?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Does your law include information about bullying that happens away from school?

☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Does your state, province, or territory require your school to have a bullying policy?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Does your law list any specific punishments that could be given to a bully?

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Do you see any problems with your law? Is anything missing? If so, write a letter to your legislator and voice your educated opinion!

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