

State Bullying Laws

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Below is a table of attributes of state bullying laws across the U.S. (updated Jan 2021). For more detailed information on each state, visit: <https://cyberbullying.org/bullying-laws>.

	Includes “cyberbullying” or Electronic Harassment	Criminal Sanction for Cyberbullying or Electronic Harassment	School sanction for Cyberbullying	Requires School Policy	Include off campus behaviors? ¹
Alabama	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
Alaska	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Arizona	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Arkansas	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
California	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Colorado	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Connecticut	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Delaware	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Florida	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Georgia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Hawaii	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Idaho	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Illinois	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Indiana	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Iowa	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Kansas	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Kentucky	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Louisiana	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Maine	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Maryland	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Massachusetts	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Michigan	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
Minnesota	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Mississippi	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Missouri	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Montana	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Nebraska	YES	NO	YES	YES	proposed
Nevada	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO
New Hampshire	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
New Jersey	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
New Mexico	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
New York	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
North Carolina	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
North Dakota	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Ohio	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Oklahoma	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Oregon	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Pennsylvania	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Rhode Island	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
South Carolina	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
South Dakota	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Tennessee	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Texas	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Utah	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vermont	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Virginia	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Washington	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
West Virginia	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
Wisconsin	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
Wyoming	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO
STATE TOTALS	48	44	45	49	25
FEDERAL	proposed-2009	proposed	NO	NO	NO
Washington DC	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES

¹Federal case law allows schools to discipline students for off-campus behavior that results in a substantial disruption of the learning environment at school. These states have simply codified that standard in state statute.