

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



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Title of Bill: Cyberbullying

An Act

Cyberbullying is a huge problem in today's society amongst high school, middle school, and even elementary school students. Cyberbullying is linked to many negative outcomes in students including depression, decreased academic achievement, substance use, and suicide. Specific groups of teens have an increased risk of bullying such as students of a certain ethnicity, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender youth. Teens on social media have the ability to bully their peers from a distance, without any consequences, this is an issue because students are not monitored or restrained from bullying on social media. The health of children and teens is being largely affected by social media and the ability to bully behind a cell phone, tablet, or computer.

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that: all students will be monitored on their social media accounts for bullying and will face significant consequences.

Section I. Short Title: This act may be cited as "Cyberbullying"

Section II. Definitions: as used in the "Cyberbullying" act.

- A. "Cyberbullying" bullying that takes place using electronic technology.
- B. "Bullying" is unwanted, aggressive behavior among schoolaged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated or has the potential to be repeated.

Section III. Provisions: Social media accounts will be monitored by all New Mexico schools

- A. Counselors, administrators, or appointed students will monitor social media accounts of students for cyberbullying. The authority may get involved.
- B. Students who are found cyberbullying will face serious consequences, from the school or police.

Section IV. Enactment: this bill shall go into effect on and after June 5, 2016.