

# **Antibullying Appropriations Bill Senate File 2318**

Last Action:

**Senate Floor**

March 18, 2014

## **Executive Summary Only**

**An Act relating to state and school antiharassment and antibullying policies, establishing an office of support and analysis for safe schools, establishing a school climate improvement grant program, providing for training on harassment and bullying prevention and response, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

### **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**FUNDING SUMMARY**

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Senate File 2318 appropriates \$1.0 million for FY 2015 from the General Fund to establish an Office of Support and Analysis for Safe Schools and a School Climate Improvement Grant Program.

The Bill establishes an Office of Support and Analysis for Safe Schools in the Department of Education to coordinate and implement the State's efforts to prevent and respond to harassment and bullying. The Office is required to do the following:

- Assist schools in the implementation of Iowa Code section 280.28 regarding harassment and bullying.
- Develop or recommend qualified training programs regarding harassment and bullying prevention and response.
- Coordinate with Area Education Agencies and other state and local agencies to ensure the training programs and appropriate mental health services are available to every school in the State.
- Provide or recommend technical assistance and training to school employees responsible for conducting investigations of complaints of incidents of harassment or bullying.
- Administer the School Climate Improvement Grant.
- Analyze harassment and bullying incidence data reported by school districts and response data from the Department of Public Health Iowa Youth Survey.
- Coordinate with the Department of Public Health and other public and private agencies in the administration of the Your Iowa Live Initiative.
- Collaborate with the Department of Public Health and other state agencies in the administration of the Iowa Youth Survey. The data is required to be available online at the Iowa Youth Survey internet site.

The Bill appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2015 from the General Fund to the Department of Education to establish and administer the Office of Support and Analysis for Safe Schools.

The School Climate Improvement Grant Program is established in the Department of Education to build on previous State efforts to promote school safety, by providing funds to school districts to maintain, improve, and promote safe and supportive learning environments. The grants are administered by the Office of Support and Analysis for Safe Schools and are awarded on a competitive basis as outlined in the Bill.

The Bill appropriates \$750,000 in FY 2015 from the General Fund for the School Climate Improvement Grant Program. The Office of Support and Analysis for Safe Schools must use \$150,000 of the appropriation to provide or facilitate training programs regarding harassment and bullying prevention and response.

## Education General Fund

	Actual FY 2013 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2014 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Action FY 2015 <u>(3)</u>	Senate Action vs. Est 2014 <u>(4)</u>
<u>Education, Dept. of</u>				
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Office of Support and Analysis for Safe Schools	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
School Climate Improvement Grant	0	0	750,000	750,000
<b>Total Education, Dept. of</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>
<b>Total Education</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>