

1-1 By: King, et al. S.B. No. 747  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 14, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 14, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King			X	
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 747 By: Hinojosa of Nueces

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to public school policies and programs regarding the  
1-24 production or distribution of certain intimate visual material by  
1-25 public school students.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 37.0052(b), Education Code, is amended  
1-28 to read as follows:

1-29 (b) A student may be removed from class and placed in a  
1-30 disciplinary alternative education program as provided by Section  
1-31 37.008 or expelled if the student:

1-32 (1) engages in bullying that encourages a student to  
1-33 commit or attempt to commit suicide;

1-34 (2) incites violence against a student through group  
1-35 bullying; or

1-36 (3) releases or threatens to release intimate visual  
1-37 material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older  
1-38 without the student's consent, including intimate visual material  
1-39 created using artificial intelligence technology.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 37.0832(a), Education Code, is amended  
1-41 by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (3) to read as  
1-42 follows:

1-43 (2) "Cyberbullying" means:

1-44 (A) bullying that is done through the use of any  
1-45 electronic communication device, including through the use of a  
1-46 cellular or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera,  
1-47 electronic mail, instant messaging, text messaging, a social media  
1-48 application, an Internet website, or any other Internet-based  
1-49 communication tool; or

1-50 (B) the production or distribution of a video or  
1-51 image that depicts or appears to depict another student with the  
1-52 student's intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct,  
1-53 including a video or image created through the use of artificial  
1-54 intelligence technology.

1-55 (3) "Intimate parts" and "sexual conduct" have the  
1-56 meanings assigned by Section 21.16, Penal Code.

1-57 SECTION 3. Section 37.0832(c-1), Education Code, is amended  
1-58 to read as follows:

1-59 (c-1) The agency shall adopt minimum standards for a school  
1-60 district's policy under Subsection (c). The standards must:

(1) include an emphasis on bullying prevention by focusing on school climate and building healthy relationships between students and staff;

(2) require each district campus to establish a committee to address bullying by focusing on prevention efforts and health and wellness initiatives;

(3) require students at each grade level to meet periodically for instruction on building relationships and preventing bullying, including cyberbullying;

(4) include an emphasis on increasing student reporting of bullying incidents to school employees by:

(A) increasing awareness about district reporting procedures; and

(B) providing for anonymous reporting of bullying incidents;

(5) require districts to:

(A) collect information annually through student surveys on bullying, including cyberbullying; and

(B) use those survey results to develop action plans to address student concerns regarding bullying, including cyberbullying; ~~and~~

(6) require districts to develop a rubric or checklist to assess an incident of bullying and to determine the district's response to the incident; and

(7) require districts to include in the policy provisions specifically addressing incidents of bullying that involve the production or distribution of a video or image that depicts or appears to depict another student with the other student's intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct, including a video or image created through the use of artificial intelligence technology.

SECTION 4. Section 37.218(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The center, in consultation with the office of the attorney general, shall develop programs for use by school districts that address:

(1) the possible legal consequences, including criminal penalties, of sharing visual material depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct;

(2) other possible consequences of sharing visual material depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct, including:

(A) negative effects on relationships;

(B) loss of educational and employment opportunities; and

(C) possible removal, if applicable, from certain school programs or extracurricular activities;

(3) the unique characteristics of the Internet and other communications networks that could affect visual material depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct, including:

(A) search and replication capabilities; and

(B) a potentially worldwide audience;

(4) the prevention of, identification of, responses to, and reporting of incidents of bullying; ~~and~~

(5) the connection between bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and a minor sharing visual material depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct; and

(6) the specific risks of producing or distributing visual material created using artificial intelligence technology that appears to depict a student with the student's intimate parts exposed or engaged in sexual conduct.

SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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