

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB123**

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**Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: January 18, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 123 adds a definition of cyber-bullying to statute and places cyber-bullying under the Student Discipline Act, thereby making it grounds for long-term suspension, expulsion or mandatory reassignment, if such conduct causes or is reasonably projected to cause a substantial or material disruption of the school environment or threatens the safety and security of students or school personnel.

Cyber-bullying is defined as any form of electronic communication, on or off school grounds, with the intent of causing harm or serious emotional distress to students or school personnel.

By July 1, school districts would be required to develop and adopt a policy concerning cyber-bullying prevention and education.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Lavon Heidemann**