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Testimony before the
House Education Committee
on
HB 2222– Relating to Policies against Bullying

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Madam Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **HB 2222**. We appear as a proponent.

We understand this broadens the statute that governs anti-bullying efforts in schools, expands the demands the scope for whom the policy affects, and could be considered an unfunded mandate for our members, which our policies generally oppose. However, it is our belief, although staff members are explicitly added to the statute, our members have already generally included them in practice as they work to minimize incidents of bullying in whatever statutorily-defined venues for which they are responsible. As a result, we believe our members understand the new language and the demands it creates, and will work hard to implement it, even without new resources.

I'll be happy to answer any questions, and thank you for this opportunity to provide input.