
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 213 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WASHINGTON, FERLO, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON,
STACK, ARGALL, FARNESE, BREWSTER, BLAKE, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ,
SCHWANK, BROWNE, FONTANA, COSTA, VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK,
RAFFERTY, BAKER, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, BRUBAKER, WILLIAMS AND
TARTAGLIONE, OCTOBER 1, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 1, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Bullying Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Bullying is intentional, repeated behavior by one or
4 more people that can harm others physically and emotionally; and

5 WHEREAS, Bullying is a type of abuse which can take many
6 forms and crosses all classes, ages, religions and areas without
7 discrimination; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2010 Center for Safe Schools and Communities
9 examined bullying levels in grade 3 through 12 in 25 counties
10 and reported that bullying is most common during elementary and
11 middle school years but also occurs in high school; and

12 WHEREAS, A 2011 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
13 Delinquency Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) found that 12.1% of
14 Pennsylvania students reported that other students have used the
15 Internet or a cell phone to threaten or embarrass them; and

16 WHEREAS, The PAYS survey found that 15% of 10th graders

1 report being sexually harassed online; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2009, the Office of Juvenile Justice and
3 Delinquency Prevention reported that among children and youth
4 who are 17 years of age and younger about one in five reported
5 being physically bullied and about three in ten reported being
6 teased or emotionally bullied in their lifetime; and

7 WHEREAS, The Workplace Bullying Institute reports that up to
8 one third of workers may be victims of bullying in the
9 workplace; and

10 WHEREAS, In a 2010 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
11 (CDC) study of youth in grades 9 through 12, 21.2% of females
12 and 18.7% of males reported being bullied on school property in
13 the previous 12 months; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2013
15 as "Bullying Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 Abington School District at 970 Highland Avenue, Abington,
18 Pennsylvania 19001; Cheltenham School District at 2000 Ashbourne
19 Road, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19037; Jenkintown School
20 District at 325 Highland Avenue, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania 19046
21 and Philadelphia School District at 440 North Broad Street,
22 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130.