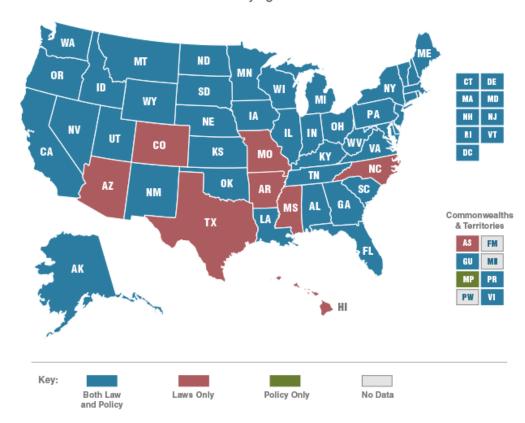
Bullying Policies Across the States

State Anti-Bullying Laws & Policies



Common Components of State Anti-Bullying Laws and Regulations, by State

States	Prohi biting state ment	Defin ition	Sc op e	Prote cted grou ps	Distric t policy requir ement	Reporti ng and investig ations	Conseq uences	Commu nication of policy	Safeg uards and suppo rts	Revi ew and upd ate of loca I poli cies	Preve ntion educa tion	Staf f trai nin g	Parent engag ement
Alabam a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	
<u>Alaska</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
Arizona	~		√		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Arkansa s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Californi a	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Colorad o		*		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		✓
Connect icut	✓	*	✓	*	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delawar e	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓
District of Columbi a	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	~	✓	✓	~
Florida	✓	✓	√		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓
Georgia	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Guam	✓	✓	*	√	✓	✓	✓	~			✓	✓	✓
<u>Hawaii</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<u>Idaho</u>	*	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Illinois	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓		✓
<u>Indiana</u>	✓	✓	√		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>lowa</u>	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Kansas	~	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓	
<u>Kentuck</u> ⊻	✓	*	✓		4	✓	✓	✓				✓	

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Louisian a	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maine	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Marylan d	*	*	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓
Massac husetts	✓	✓	√	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓
Michiga n	✓	*	✓		√	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Minneso ta	✓	*	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mississi ppi	✓	*	*	*	*	✓	*		*		✓		✓
Missouri	*	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	~	*	✓	✓	✓	
Montan a	✓	*	✓		√	✓	✓		✓				✓
Nebrask a		*	✓		*		✓			✓			
<u>Nevada</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	~		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Hampsh ire	√	√	√	✓	✓	*	*	*	✓		✓	✓	✓
New Jersey	~	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	√
New Mexico	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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New York	✓	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓		*	✓	✓	~	
North Carolina	*	*	√	✓	*	✓	✓	✓		✓	*	✓	
North Dakota	✓	√	√		*	✓	~		*	✓	*	✓	✓
<u>Ohio</u>	✓	*	✓		*	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Oklaho ma	✓	✓	✓		✓	~	✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	~
Oregon ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pennsyl vania	✓	√	√		*	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Puerto Rico	*	*	√		*	✓	✓	✓	*		*	✓	✓
Rhode Island	*	*	✓	~	*	✓	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Carolina	*	*	√		*	✓	✓	✓		✓	~	✓	✓
South Dakota	✓	√	√		√	✓	✓						
Tenness ee	~	√	√		*	~	✓	~	~	√	~	✓	✓
Texas	✓	✓	✓		*	✓	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓
U.S. Virgin Islands					✓			*		✓	*	✓	
<u>Utah</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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Vermont	✓	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
<u>Virginia</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Washin gton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	*
West Virginia	✓	✓	✓		✓	~	✓		✓		✓	✓	~
Wiscons in	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
Wyomin g	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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