

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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### SB 790 School Safety/Bullying and Harassment by Senator Baker

Cites this act as the "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act" which prohibits bullying or harassment during education programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions. Defines "bullying" as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students. Defines "harassment" as any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct directed against a student or school employee. Requires that by December 1, 2008, each school district shall adopt a policy prohibiting bullying and harassment. (See bill for details)