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Preventing Bullying

Title of the report

Author: Thomas J. Billett

Introduction

Massachusetts high school student Phoebe Prince hanged herself after being bullied, and six classmates were charged in her death. Rutgers death after two class secretly watched her commit suicide, and researchers have found that bullying victims are more likely to try suicide than non-victims. States have been stepping up to the problem, with some 44 laws on the books, including some that allow school officials to take action against off-campus cyberbullying that causes disruption at school. But critics say students' free-speech rights. School what they can do. Until the Supreme on bullying and cyberbullying will remain.

Overview

Robert S. McCord, an education professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, advises school officials around the country on pressing legislative issues. None, he says, is as vexing as bullying — especially cyberbullying. "If we get to the cyberbullying thing, [administrators] ask them and they ask — they just want answers,” McCord says. “And to be frank, sometimes there just are no answers."

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