

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ~ BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.1525

Name: An Act to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin Honan (18th Middlesex)

Hearing Date: June 4, 2025

Prior History: Refile; 2023-24: Received a favorable report from the Committee; 21-22: Received a Favorable report from the Committee

Reporting Deadline: August 3, 2025

Similar Matters:

CURRENT LAW: *M.G.L. c. 121B — Public Housing Authorities*

PROPOSED CHANGE:

This bill would prohibit the bullying and cyberbullying of residents residing in public housing or on residential property and ground, at an owner/manager or resident sponsored activity, function or program whether on or off residential grounds or through the use of technology or an electronic device owned, leased, or used by an owner/manager; and (ii) at an owner/manager sponsored location, activity, or function or program that is not located within the covered residential community, or through the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by an owner/manager, if the bullying creates a hostile environment in a covered residential community for the victim

The public safety division of the Commonwealth's attorney general's office, publish a model plan and training curricula for owner/managers to consider when creating their plans and curricula; and (ii) create and compile list of bullying prevention and intervention resources, evidence-based curricula, best practices and academic-based research that shall be made available to covered residential communities.