

School Safety and Bullying Prevention



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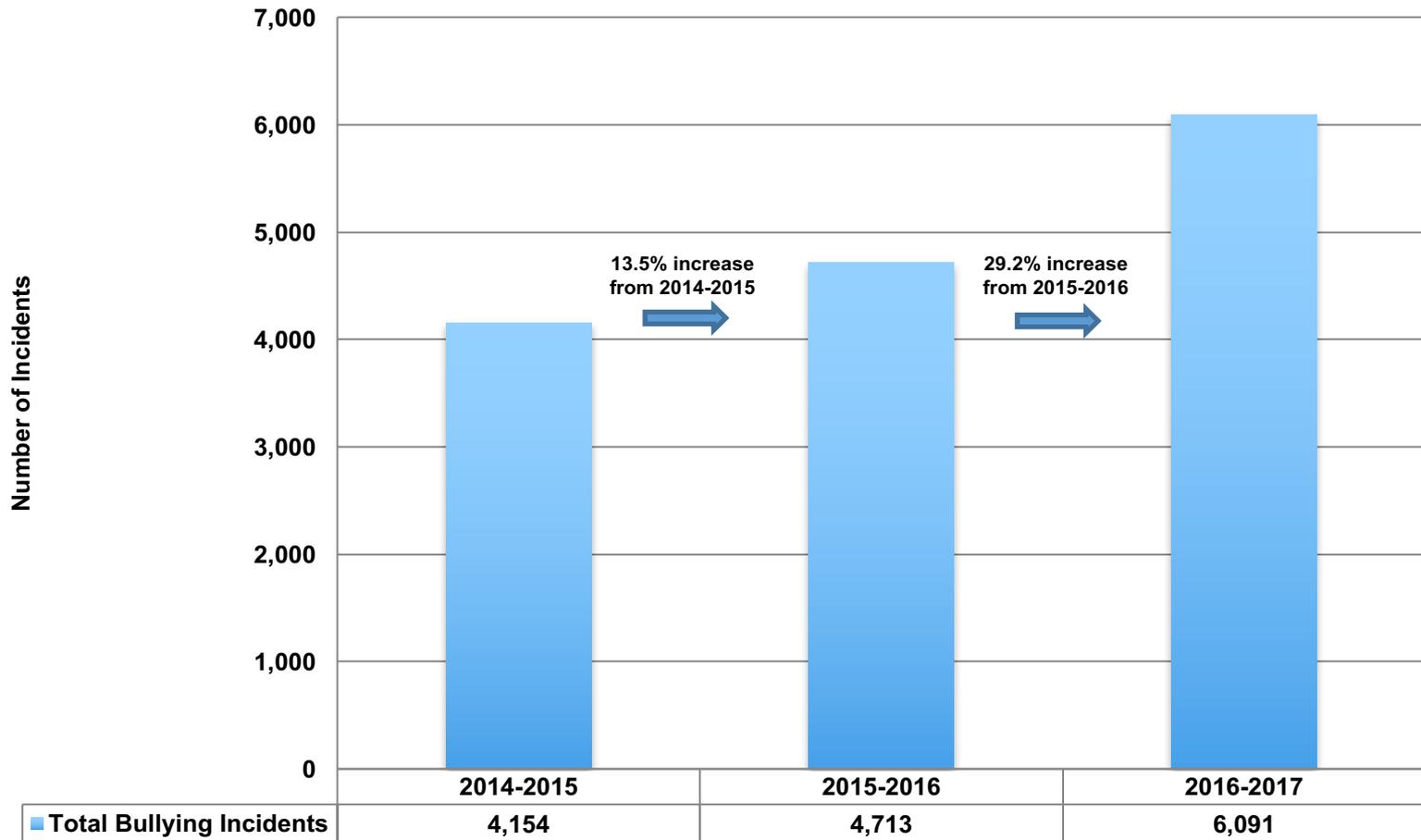
- ❑ Senate Bill (SB) 1265, Maryland Safe to Learn Act of 2018, passed the General Assembly on the final day of the legislative session was signed into law by Governor Larry Hogan (Chapter 0030)

- ❑ SB 1265 consists of the following tenets:
 - Maryland Center on School Safety (Under the auspices of the Maryland State Department of Education).
 - Behavior Threat Assessment Teams/Behavior Threat Assessment Model Policy.
 - School Safety Coordinators, Safety Evaluations, and Emergency Plans
 - School Resource Officers
 - School Emergency Drills
 - School Mental Health Coordinators, Services, and Responsibilities



Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Data

Total Bullying Incidents



Source: *Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation in Maryland Public Schools*: 2014-2015; 2015-2016; and 2016-2017 reports.

Note: Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation data is collected in the fall for the previous school year and reported to the General Assembly in March of the following year.

Statewide Descriptions of Reported Incidents

Percentage of Reported Incidents

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Teasing, name calling, making critical remarks, or threatening remarks	68.3	61.2	56.2
Bullying involving physical aggression	50.4	44.7	47.6
Demeaning and making jokes	34.8	29.9	28.5
Making rude or threatening gestures	29.3	23.7	22.5
Intimidating (bullying), extorting or exploiting	25.6	24.5	20.8
Spreading harmful rumors or gossip	23.8	22.7	19.2
Sexual harassment	5.7	10.0	10.8
Excluding or rejecting the student	12.3	9.9	9.0
Cyber bullying (e.g. social media)	8.3	7.2	8.6
Electronic communication	6.9	7.7	6.2

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Note: Top ten descriptions, ranked by 2016-2017 percentages. Each report could identify more than one description; therefore, total will not equal 100%.

Maryland State Department Bullying Prevention Initiatives

- ❑ The Maryland State Department of Education provides technical assistance and training to various stakeholders (e.g. Directors of student services, school psychologists, etc.) and Local Education Agency's (LEA's) throughout the state
- ❑ The Maryland State Department of Education monitors legislation on bullying/cyberbullying.
- ❑ The MSDE has a dedicated webpage to bullying prevention which includes parent resources, legislative regulations and local programs.

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DSFSS/SSSP/Bullying/index.aspx>.

- ❑ The MSDE provides training and technical assistance and resources in bullying prevention to non-public schools upon request.



Maryland Safe Schools Tip Line

Collaborative Approach to School Safety



Report Potential Threats at School

- ❑ Anonymous reports can be made online at www.SafeSchoolsMD.org or
- ❑ by calling 1-800-MD-B-SAFE or
- ❑ #Safe Schools Maryland Application





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