



Bullying Prevention Training As Mandated By The New Anti-bullying Legislation, M.G.L.C. 71, S.370

In May, 2010, we sent out a client advisory regarding the new Anti-bullying legislation (to view this advisory, please go to www.mhtl.com). This new law requires, among other things, that school districts provide professional development to all staff members to prevent, identify and respond to bullying. By statute, the content of this training must include the following:

- Developmentally appropriate strategies to prevent bullying incidents
- Developmentally appropriate strategies for immediate, effective interventions to stop bullying incidents
- Information regarding the complex interaction and power differential that can take place between and among perpetrator, victim and witnesses to bullying
- Research findings on bullying, including information about specific categories of students who have been shown to be particularly at risk for bullying in the school environment
- Information on the incidence and nature of cyber-bullying
- Internal safety issues as they relate to cyber-bullying

To help facilitate this, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP, is prepared to assist you by providing the required training sessions on bullying prevention law, at your request. For more information or to schedule a training session, please contact Alisia St. Florian directly at (617) 479-5000 or via email at astflorian@mhtl.com.

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