



**Alaska Association of Student Government
Resolution #11**

Support for Senate Bill 206

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that the General Assembly of AASG is in support of SB 206

1. **Whereas**, in 2023, 30.7% of high school students in Alaska reported being bullied;¹
2. **Whereas**, in 2023, 20.7% of high school students in Alaska reported being bullied online;¹
3. **Whereas**, from 2019-2023, the number of teenagers aged 15-19 that died by suicide annually in Alaska was, on average, 34.4 out of every 100,000 teens;²
4. **Whereas**, in the last decade, Alaska had an average of 20 deaths of minors from gun-related incidents each year, about 12 of which annually were death by suicide;³
5. **Whereas**, Senate Bill 206 states, “A school district may adopt a plan to notify the parents or guardians of a student of an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving the student or a threat of suicide by the student”;⁴
6. **Whereas**, positive parenting as described as warmth, structure, and autonomy/support were associated with both lower bullying and cyber bullying rates to a statistically significant degree;⁵
7. **Whereas**, Senate Bill 206 also states, “A school district that notifies a parent or guardian about a threat of suicide...shall provide to the parent or guardian suicide prevention and crisis intervention resources, including information about how to
 - (1) obtain a suicide risk screening or assessment from a health care professional;
 - (2) limit a student’s access to firearms and lethal medications;
 - (3) securely store firearms, ammunition, and lethal medications, including in a safe storage device; and

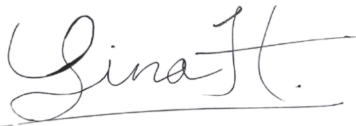
(4) request a free safe storage device from the firearm safe storage grant fund established under AS 44.21.070”⁴

8. **Whereas**, Senate Bill 206 amends Alaska Statute AS 44.21.070 to provide firearm storage devices to families at no cost to school districts;⁴
9. **Whereas**, Senate Bill 206 states, “The department...may use money in the fund without further appropriation to purchase firearm safe storage devices and distribute the devices at no cost to the school district.”⁴
10. **Whereas**, “Having guns stored safely in the home is associated with a reduction in youth firearm deaths...some experts estimate that locking all firearms in the U.S. could reduce the number of gun related accidental deaths and suicides among children and teens by as much as one third”;⁶
11. **Whereas**, Safe storage of firearms and ammunition keeps firearms away from children and may provide critical life-saving moments between impulse and action for those at risk of suicide;³

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports Senate Bill 206.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be sent to the Senate for their consideration when voting on the bill.

The resolution passes with noted opposition.



AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer



AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh

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