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ACTION ALERT

Legislation is pending in the North Carolina General Assembly regarding a “Bullying Bill” that would affect every child in the public school system in the state. The House version of the bill seeks special enumerations in the areas of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, in effect giving this group the same legally protected status as race, religion, national origin, etc. The Senate version of the bill states that anti-bullying policies would apply equally to all public school students in all circumstances.

The Catholic Bishops of North Carolina support the protection of all children without exception from bullying. The Senate version of the School Violence Protection Act protects all children under the law without raising any group to a special status. We support this version of the bill.

Please contact your state Senator and ask him or her to stand firm on the Senate version of the School Violence Protection Act. Time is essential so please contact your Senator immediately.