

California Cyberbullying and Digital Media Laws for Educators

- **SB 1411 (January, 2011)** Misdemeanor to impersonate someone on the internet with intent to harm; to create a false profile with intent to intimidate, threaten, or defraud.
- **AB 746 (July 2011)** focuses on bullying through social networking sites.
- **AB 1156 (2011)** expands the definition of bullying and connected it to academic performance. Encourages training for school officials; creates provisions to remove victim from “unhealthy setting.”
- **AB 9 – “Seth’s Law”** (Jan, 2012) requires school policy and investigation processes (named after 13 yr. old Seth Walsh who committed suicide after being harassed about sexual identity).
- **Sept. 2013 - Eraser Law signed by Gov. Jerry Brown**
Will require Web companies, starting in 2015, to remove online activity- whether it is scandalous or embarrassing- should a California minor request it.

Limitations of Eraser Law:

- There is no absolute clarity that it won’t be seen even if they ask for it to be removed if image is copied, posted, screen shot to another Web site.
- Web companies are not required to just remove requested item from public viewing, to scrub servers clean.
- It does not extend to adults