

Rise in school bullying in Nev. attributed to awareness, enforcement

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Reports of bullying in Nevada's schools nearly doubled during the 2015-16 school year before dipping last year, a byproduct of stronger reporting and better investigations, according to a state official.

The state passed an anti-bullying law during the 2015 legislative session, a few months before the 2015-16 school year began. New measures were added in 2017.

"As schools become aware of the process, they'll see more bullying," Christy McGill, the head of the state Department of Education's safe and respectful learning environment office, said of the increase. "As kids, students and families see that schools are serious about bullying and they're going to be stopped, the incidents of bullying start to recede."

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