



**STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**

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*A resolution to adopt a formal anti-bullying stance, and show support for SB 45 of the Michigan Legislature from the students of Michigan's 15 public Universities.*

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Sponsor: [University of Michigan]

Co-sponsors: [Wayne State University], [Saginaw Valley State University],  
[Grand Valley State University], [University of Michigan Flint]

**Whereas,** Michigan State Senator Glenn Anderson has proposed Senate Bill 45, also known as “Matt’s Safe School Law,” requiring school districts to create a policy to prevent bullying<sup>1</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** the State Board of Education has an anti-bullying policy, however there is no way to enforce this policy without SB 45<sup>2</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** according to Janet Belsky, PhD., bullying in schools leads to poor educational environments, violence, and poor academic performance<sup>3</sup>; and,

**Whereas,** it is the opinion of the authors that this bill is of benefit to communities around the state of Michigan; and,

**Whereas,** it is the opinion of the authors that, as recent K-12 students, many students at Michigan’s public Universities have recently dealt with this issue first-hand, and therefore are especially situated to speak out on this issue.

**Now, therefore be it enacted by the member institutions of the Student Association of Michigan, for the betterment of the students it serves,**

That the Student Association of Michigan support Senate Bill 45; **AND BE IT FINALLY ORDERED** that copies of this resolution and attached viewpoint representing the Student Association of Michigan’s opinion be sent to the various media outlets across this state, all Michigan state representatives and senators, Governor Rick Snyder, the Boards of Regents, Governors, and Directors of the 15 Michigan Public Universities and the respective presidents.

1 <http://www.senate.mi.gov/anderson/pr.php?id=1786>

2 [www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SBE\\_Model\\_AntiBullying\\_Policy\\_Revised\\_9.8\\_172355\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/SBE_Model_AntiBullying_Policy_Revised_9.8_172355_7.pdf)

3 Experiencing the Lifespan, Second Edition. Janet Belksy, author. 2010.