

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

6 By: Pae

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
9 Section 24-100.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter  
10 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 24-  
11 100.3), which relates to the School Safety and  
12 Bullying Prevention Act; modifying bullying  
13 definition; adding term; and providing an effective  
14 date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-100.3, as  
17 amended by Section 2, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
18 Section 24-100.3), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 24-100.3 A. As used in the School Safety and Bullying  
20 Prevention Act:

21 1. "Bullying" means any ~~pattern of~~ harassment, intimidation,  
22 ~~threatening behavior, physical acts, verbal or unwanted, threatening~~  
23 or aggressive behavior committed in person or by electronic  
24 communication directed toward a student or group of students that  
~~results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent~~

1 ~~to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted~~  
2 ~~individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt~~  
3 ~~or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education~~  
4 ~~of any student~~ involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is  
5 repeated or creates the fear it will be repeated. Bullying actions  
6 shall include but not be limited to making threats, spreading  
7 rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally and excluding  
8 someone from a group as a means of causing harm;

9 2. "Power imbalance" means the attempt by a perpetrator to use  
10 observed or perceived personal or situational characteristics to  
11 exert control over a targeted student's behavior or limit a victim's  
12 ability to respond or stop the aggression;

13 3. "At school" means on school grounds, in school vehicles, at  
14 school-sponsored activities, or at school-sanctioned events;

15 ~~3.~~ 4. "Electronic communication" means the communication of any  
16 written, verbal, pictorial information or video content by means of  
17 an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, a  
18 mobile or cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunication  
19 device, or a computer; and

20 ~~4.~~ 5. "Threatening behavior" means any pattern of behavior or  
21 isolated action, whether or not it is directed at another person,  
22 that a reasonable person would believe indicates potential for  
23 future harm to students, school personnel, or school property.

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1 B. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impose a specific  
2 liability on any school district.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.  
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