

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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7 An Act relating to social media; requiring the
8 development of social networking and social media
9 policy and standards; defining terms; stating that
10 the guidelines shall apply to both personal and
11 professional use; requiring that each policy shall
12 prohibit the sharing of certain content or comments;
13 requiring distribution to all affected employees;
14 providing for codification; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-8.1 of Title 74, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 Social Networking and Social Media Policy and Standards

21 A. All state agencies and all political subdivisions of this
22 state, shall adopt a social networking and social media policy that
23 shall apply to the personal use of social media by state employees
24 and employees of any political subdivision of this state to
discourage abusive or offensive online behavior.

1 For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall
2 apply:

3 a. "social networking" or "social media" means
4 interaction with external websites or services based
5 upon participant contributions to the content. Types
6 of social media include social and professional
7 networks, blogs, micro blogs, video or photo sharing,
8 and social bookmarking, and

9 b. "comment" means a response to an article or social
10 media content submitted by a commenter.

11 B. The social media and social networking policy developed by
12 each agency and political subdivision of this state utilizing the
13 guidelines established in this section shall apply to all state
14 employees and employees of any political subdivision of this state
15 who utilize social media or social networking networks in a private
16 capacity and for work purposes.

17 C. Social media and social networking policies developed by
18 each agency and political subdivision of this state shall discourage
19 the sharing of content or comments by state employees and employees
20 of any political subdivision of this state containing the following,
21 when it is directed at a citizen of the State of Oklahoma:

22 a. obscene sexual content or links to obscene sexual
23 content,

24 b. abusive behavior and bullying language or tone,

- c. conduct or encouragement of illegal activity,
- d. intentionally dishonest conduct that could potentially result in harm to a citizen of this state, and
- e. disclosure of information which an agency and its employees are required to keep confidential by law, regulation or internal policy.

D. Social media and social networking policies developed by each state agency and political subdivision of this state in accordance with the requirements established in this section shall be distributed to each affected employee by email.

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

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