

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1065

By: Johns

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 24-100.8), which relates to school safety; modifying definition of threatening behavior; requiring persons reporting threatening behavior to comply with certain laws; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 24-100.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-100.8 A. As used in this section, "threatening behavior" means any verbal threat or act of threatening behavior, whether or not it is directed at another person, which reasonably indicates ~~potential for future~~ that students, school personnel or school property are at actual and imminent risk of serious physical ~~harm to students, school personnel or school property~~ and includes,

1 but is not limited to, a verbal threat or act of threatening
2 behavior directed against a person, vandalism of property, a
3 terrorist attack or a school campus shooting.

4 B. An officer or employee of a school district or member of a
5 board of education shall notify law enforcement ~~of any verbal threat~~
6 ~~or act of threatening behavior which reasonably may have the~~
7 ~~potential to endanger students, school personnel or school property~~
8 as defined in subsection A of this section.

9 C. Officers or employees of a school district or members of a
10 board of education shall be immune from employment discipline and
11 any civil liability for communicating information pursuant to
12 subsection B of this section in good faith ~~if they reasonably~~
13 ~~believe a person is making verbal threats or is exhibiting~~
14 ~~threatening behavior.~~

15 D. Officers or employees of a school district or members of a
16 board of education who notify law enforcement of threatening
17 behavior by a student shall comply with state and federal laws
18 applicable to release of student education records.

19 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose a
20 specific liability on any school district.

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

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