

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1377

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section
9 24-100.7), which relates to suicide awareness and
10 drug abuse policies; requiring rather than allowing a
11 school district board of education to adopt certain
12 policy; requiring the policy to be developed in
13 certain consultation and address certain procedures;
14 requiring rather than allowing a board of education
15 to provide certain training; requiring rather than
16 allowing a board of education to provide certain
17 training and curriculum beginning in certain school
18 year; requiring certain training program to be
19 developed in certain collaboration; and providing an
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L.
23 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 24-100.7), is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 Section 24-100.7. A. The board of education of each school
26 district in this state ~~may~~ shall adopt a policy regarding suicide
27 awareness and training and the reporting of student drug abuse. The
28 policy shall be developed in consultation with school and community
29 stakeholders, school-employed mental health professionals and the

1 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and shall,
2 at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention,
3 intervention and postvention.

4 B. The board of education of each school district in this state
5 ~~may~~ shall provide schoolwide training to all students in grades
6 seven through twelve and staff addressing suicide awareness and
7 prevention. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
8 Services shall develop and make available to school districts
9 curriculum which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without
10 cost to the school districts. The course outline for the curriculum
11 shall be made available to the public online through the school
12 district website. Beginning with the ~~2014-2015~~ 2021-2022 school
13 year, every school district ~~may~~ shall:

14 1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes
15 as a core element research-based approaches and that is developed ~~by~~
16 ~~the school district~~ collaboratively with the Department of Mental
17 Health and Substance Abuse Services;

18 2. Provide the curriculum made available by the Department of
19 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; or

20 3. Provide a suicide prevention training program that is
21 selected by the school district from a list maintained by the
22 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to students
23 and school district staff that addresses suicide awareness and
24 prevention. The training program may be combined with any other

1 training provided by the school district addressing bullying
2 prevention.

3 C. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other
4 school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any
5 civil liability for:

6 1. Calling the 911 emergency telephone number, law enforcement
7 or the Department of Human Services if they believe a student poses
8 a threat to themselves or others or if a student has committed or
9 been the victim of a violent act or threat of a violent act;

10 2. Providing referral, emergency medical care or other
11 assistance offered in good faith to a student or other youth; or

12 3. Communicating information in good faith concerning drug or
13 alcohol abuse or a potential safety threat by or to any student to
14 the parents or legal guardians of the student, law enforcement
15 officers or health care providers.

16 D. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or
17 damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the
18 implementation of this section or resulting from any training, or
19 lack thereof, required by this section, unless the loss or damage
20 was caused by willful or wanton misconduct.

21 E. The training required pursuant to this section, or the lack
22 thereof, shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

1 F. School districts may enter into agreements with designated
2 Youth Services Agencies for the provision of intervention and
3 prevention services.

4 G. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators, or other
5 school personnel, upon determining that a student is at risk of
6 attempting suicide, shall notify the parents or legal guardians of
7 the student immediately upon determining that such risk exists.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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