

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 21

6 By: Floyd

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
9 Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
10 24-100.7), which relates to suicide awareness and  
11 drug abuse policies; requiring rather than allowing  
12 school district boards of education to adopt certain  
13 policy; requiring boards of education to provide  
14 certain staff training; directing certain curriculum  
15 be made available to staff; requiring school  
16 districts to provide certain training and curriculum  
17 beginning in certain school year; allowing certain  
18 training of students in certain grades beginning in  
19 certain school year; providing an effective date; and  
20 declaring an emergency.

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. 2020, 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, requiring staff training and the reporting  
28 of student drug abuse.

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

11 1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes  
12 as a core element ~~research-based~~ evidence-based approaches ~~and that~~  
13 ~~is developed by the school district;~~

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

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

23 C. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the board of  
24 education of each school district may provide training to address

1 suicide awareness and prevention to students in grades seven through  
2 twelve.

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

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

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

8        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

9        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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