

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 21

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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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