

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1544

By: Pederson, Treat, Bergstrom,
Bullard, Stephens, and Jett
of the Senate

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4 and

5 Conley of the House
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7 An Act relating to schools; defining terms;
8 prohibiting certain schools from knowingly entering
9 into certain transaction; providing certain
10 exception; providing for promulgation of rules;
11 directing certain governing boards to adopt certain
12 policy; directing the State Board of Education to
13 require certain boards that violate certain
14 provisions to appear before it to make certain
15 determination; providing for codification; providing
16 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-159 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. As used in this section:

23 1. "Abortion" means the term as defined in Section 1-730 of
24 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. "Transaction" means a formal or informal agreement,
contract, or arrangement of any kind between a public school, public
charter school, or public virtual charter school and a private

1 entity, regardless of whether the private entity or the school
2 receives anything of value in return.

3 B. A public school, public charter school, or public virtual
4 charter school shall not enter into a transaction with an individual
5 or entity that performs abortions, induces abortions, or provides
6 abortions unless the entity is a hospital licensed pursuant to
7 Section 1-702 of Title 63 which has enacted a policy to only provide
8 abortions when it is a medical emergency. For the purposes of this
9 section, "medical emergency" means a condition in which an abortion
10 is necessary to preserve the life of a pregnant woman whose life is
11 endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical
12 injury including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or
13 arising from the pregnancy itself.

14 C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
15 implement the provisions of this section.

16 D. Each school district board of education and governing board
17 of a public charter school or public virtual charter school shall
18 adopt a policy for the implementation of the provisions of this
19 section.

20 E. The State Board of Education shall require the board of
21 education of a public school and the governing board of a public
22 charter school or public virtual charter school that knowingly
23 violates the provisions of this section to appear before the Board
24 to determine:

- 1 1. Why the school violated the provisions of this section; and
2 2. How to prevent the violation of provisions of this section
3 in the future.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

9 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2022.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
14 2022.

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