

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2022

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1544

By: Pederson and Treat of the
Senate

6 and

7 Conley of the House

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10 An Act relating to schools; defining terms;
11 prohibiting certain schools from knowingly entering
12 into certain transaction; providing certain
13 exception; providing for promulgation of rules;
14 directing certain governing boards to adopt certain
15 policy; directing the State Board of Education to
16 require certain boards that violate certain
17 provisions to appear before it to make certain
18 determination; providing for codification; providing
19 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

24 A. As used in this section:

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

1 2. "Transaction" means a formal or informal agreement,
2 contract, or arrangement of any kind between a public school, public
3 charter school, or public virtual charter school and a private
4 entity, regardless of whether the private entity or the school
5 receives anything of value in return.

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

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

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

23 E. The State Board of Education shall require the board of
24 education of a public school and the governing board of a public

1 charter school or public virtual charter school that knowingly
2 violates the provisions of this section to appear before the Board
3 to determine:

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

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

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
13 February 22, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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