

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 1905

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Preventing
8 Religious Indoctrination from Corrupting Education
9 (PRICE) Act; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-101,
10 which relates to sectarian or religious doctrine in
11 schools; prohibiting certain private schools from
12 using state funds for religious instruction or
13 activities; barring certain students from mandatory
14 participation in religious activities; prohibiting
15 certain private schools from rejecting applicants for
16 religious reasons; providing for noncodification; and
17 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
22 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Preventing
24 Religious Indoctrination from Corrupting Education (PRICE) Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-101, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 11-101. A. No sectarian or religious doctrine shall be
taught or inculcated in any of the public schools of this state, but

1 nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the reading
2 of the Holy Scriptures.

3 B. Private schools which receive state funds shall not use the
4 state funds to provide religious instruction or religious
5 activities. Students who receive state funds to attend private
6 schools shall not be required to participate in religious activities
7 including, but not limited to, prayer, chapel, and Bible study.

8 C. A student who applies to attend a private school which
9 receives state funds shall not be rejected for religious reasons
10 including, but not limited to, the student does not attend church,
11 the student fails to participate in religious activities, or the
12 student attends a church that is a different denomination than the
13 private school.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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