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Bill Analysis

SB 1027 prohibits any public school district, public charter school, or public virtual charter school from using federal, state, or private funds to promote, purchase, or utilize the concepts of social emotional learning for training, instruction, or education of students. It also prohibits teachers, administrators, counselors, employees, or volunteers at such schools from using any curricula with content related to social emotional learning. The bill states that if a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in a public school has reason to believe a violation of these provisions has occurred, he or she shall report the matter to the district attorney, who shall determine if a violation has occurred and notify the chairs of the House and Senate education committees. If the chairs of the education committees determine a violation has occurred, they are to notify the State Department of Education, which shall assess a financial penalty against the school in an amount equal to 5% of the State Aid allocation for the school for the proceeding fiscal year. The bill also amends the Oklahoma Play to Learn Act to remove references to social and emotional learning. It also amends language regarding the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf to remove references to social/emotional instruction.

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