

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1937 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Danny Sterling \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED OVERSIGHT  
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL 1937

By: Sterling

7 PROPOSED OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
9 Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section  
10 6-401), which relates to student communication;  
11 defining term; modifying certain requirement;  
12 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 297, O.S.L.  
16 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-401), is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 Section 6-401. A. As used in this section:

19 1. "Electronic or digital communication" includes, but is not  
20 limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, direct  
21 messages, social media messages, messages sent through software  
22 applications, and any other electronic or digital means of  
23 communication; ~~and~~

1        2. "School personnel" means teachers, coaches, administrators,  
2 school bus drivers, or any other persons employed full-time or part-  
3 time by a public school or charter school; and

4        3. "Student" means a person enrolled in a public school or  
5 charter school in this state receiving primary or secondary  
6 education to obtain a standard high school diploma or high school  
7 equivalency diploma. Student does not mean a person who holds a  
8 standard high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.

9        B. School personnel engaging in electronic or digital  
10 communication with an individual student shall include the student's  
11 parent or legal guardian in any electronic or digital communication,  
12 unless such communication is on a school-approved platform and  
13 related to school and academic communications.

14        C. Exceptions to the requirement in subsection B of this  
15 section may be made in case of an emergency as determined by the  
16 local school board, subject to subsequent notification to the parent  
17 or legal guardian. School personnel shall make reasonable efforts  
18 to use school-approved platforms, systems, or applications that  
19 allow automatic inclusion of parents or legal guardians in  
20 communications with students.

21        D. Schools shall provide training, developed by the State  
22 Department of Education, for school personnel on the student  
23 communication requirements of this section.

1 E. Any school personnel who is reported to be in violation of  
2 subsection B of this section ~~shall~~ may be put on administrative  
3 leave while the school district investigates the incident and  
4 notifies the board of education. If the investigation finds that no  
5 misconduct occurred, the school personnel shall be reinstated and  
6 the incident shall be noted in the school personnel's employee file.  
7 If the investigation finds misconduct occurred, the school personnel  
8 shall be disciplined according to the school district board of  
9 education's policy, up to and including termination of employment,  
10 and the incident shall be reported to law enforcement pursuant to  
11 Section 1210.163 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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