

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 421

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Parents' Bill of Rights; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2002, which relates to parental rights; modifying applicability of certain right; requiring certain notice of right by health care provider or facility; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 2002, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2002. A. All parental rights are reserved to a parent of a minor child without obstruction or interference from this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity, or any other institution, including, but not limited to, the following rights:

1. The right to direct the education of the minor child;

2. All rights of parents identified in Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, including the right to access and review all school records relating to the minor child;

3. The right to direct the upbringing of the minor child;

1 4. The right to direct the moral or religious training of the
2 minor child;

3 5. The right to make healthcare decisions for the minor child,
4 unless otherwise prohibited by law;

5 6. ~~The~~ Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the right to
6 access and review all medical records of the minor child, unless
7 ~~otherwise prohibited by law or~~ the parent is the subject of an
8 investigation of a crime committed against the minor child and a law
9 enforcement official requests that the information not be released.
10 A health care provider or health care facility shall give notice of
11 the right established by this paragraph in a clear and conspicuous
12 manner;

13 7. The right to consent in writing before a biometric scan of
14 the minor child is made, shared, or stored;

15 8. The right to consent in writing before any record of the
16 minor child's blood or deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is created,
17 stored, or shared, except as required by Sections 1-516 and 1-524.1
18 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or unless authorized pursuant
19 to a court order;

20 9. The right to consent in writing before the state or any of
21 its political subdivisions makes a video or voice recording of the
22 minor child, unless the video or voice recording is made during or
23 as a part of a court proceeding, by law enforcement officers during
24 or as part of a law enforcement investigation, during or as part of
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1 a forensic interview in a criminal or Department of Human Services
2 investigation, or to be used solely for any of the following:

- 3 a. safety demonstrations, including the maintenance of
4 order and discipline in the common areas of a school
5 or on student transportation vehicles,
- 6 b. a purpose related to a legitimate academic or
7 extracurricular activity,
- 8 c. a purpose related to regular classroom instruction,
- 9 d. security or surveillance of buildings or grounds, and
- 10 e. a photo identification card; and

11 10. The right to be notified promptly if an employee of this
12 state, any political subdivision of this state, any other
13 governmental entity, or any other institution suspects that a
14 criminal offense has been committed against the minor child by
15 someone other than a parent, unless the incident has first been
16 reported to law enforcement and notification of the parent would
17 impede a law enforcement or Department of Human Services
18 investigation. This paragraph does not create any new obligation
19 for school districts and charter schools to report misconduct
20 between students at school, such as fighting or aggressive play,
21 that is routinely addressed as a student disciplinary matter by the
22 school.

23 B. This section does not authorize or allow a parent to engage
24 in conduct that is unlawful or to abuse or neglect a child in
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1 violation of the laws of this state. This section shall not be
2 construed to apply to a parental action or decision that would end
3 life. This section does not prohibit courts, law enforcement
4 officers, or employees of a government agency responsible for child
5 welfare from acting in their official capacity within the reasonable
6 and prudent scope of their authority. This section does not
7 prohibit a court from issuing an order that is otherwise permitted
8 by law.

9 C. Any attempt to encourage or coerce a minor child to withhold
10 information from the child's parent shall be grounds for discipline
11 of an employee of this state, any political subdivision of this
12 state, or any other governmental entity, except for law enforcement
13 personnel.

14 D. Unless those rights have been legally waived or legally
15 terminated, parents have inalienable rights that are more
16 comprehensive than those listed in this section. The Parents' Bill
17 of Rights does not prescribe all rights of parents. Unless
18 otherwise required by law, the rights of parents of minor children
19 shall not be limited or denied. The Parents' Bill of Rights shall
20 not be construed to apply to a parental action or decision that
21 would end life.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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