

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 847

By: Bullard

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; prohibiting a school
8 district or charter school from compelling an
9 employee or volunteer to use certain pronoun;
10 defining term; prohibiting certain materials or
11 resources from referring to an individual by certain
12 name or pronoun; providing for promulgation of rules
13 to monitor compliance; directing state funding of a
14 noncompliant school district or charter school to be
15 decreased by certain percentage in certain fiscal
16 year; creating a cause of action for certain
17 noncompliance; providing for codification; providing
18 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-162 of Title 70, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. No school district or charter school in this state shall
24 compel an employee or volunteer to refer to a student with a pronoun
25 other than that which corresponds to the student's biological sex.
26 For the purposes of this section, "biological sex" means the
27 physical condition of being male or female based on genetics and

1 physiology as identified on the student's original birth
2 certificate.

3 B. No print or nonprint materials or multimedia resources
4 located in a school district or charter school classroom, library,
5 or elsewhere on the premises of the district or charter school shall
6 refer to an individual by a name or by a pronoun that does not
7 correspond to the individual's biological sex.

8 C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for
9 monitoring compliance with the provisions of this section. Upon a
10 finding of noncompliance by the Board, the noncompliant school
11 district or charter school shall receive a five percent (5%)
12 reduction in state funding for the fiscal year following the fiscal
13 year during which the district or charter school was noncompliant.

14 D. A parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in and
15 attending a school district or charter school shall have a cause of
16 action against the district or charter school for noncompliance with
17 the provisions of subsections A and B of this section.

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

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

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