

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1022

By: Graves

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution relating to corporal punishment; directing the State Board of Education to cancel the moratorium relating to corporal punishment in the public schools of this state; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, in July, 1992, the State Board of Education passed a two-year moratorium regarding the use of corporal punishment in the public schools of this state; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-114 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes requires the local boards of education to adopt a policy for the control and discipline of all children attending public school in that district; and

WHEREAS, control and discipline of children in the schools should be left up to each local school board; and

WHEREAS, the majority of states in the United States of America allow corporal punishment; and

WHEREAS, corporal punishment continues to be an acceptable method of discipline in this nation; and

WHEREAS, corporal punishment is the only way to get control over certain unruly students; and

WHEREAS, corporal punishment establishes authority of the teachers in the schools; and

WHEREAS, the old adage of "spare the rod, spoil the child" is as true today as it was in ancient times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the State Board of Education is hereby directed by the
Oklahoma Legislature to cancel the two-year corporal punishment
moratorium until such time as the Oklahoma Legislature passes
legislation requiring such moratorium.

THAT it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to
exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full
force from and after its passage and approval.

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