

ENGROSSED HOUSE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1012

By: Lindley of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

A Joint Resolution requiring a survey of sites with Safe School Committees; requiring certain report; requiring certain assistance; providing for distribution of report; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, the threat of violence in public schools in Oklahoma is of growing concern, and episodes of violence must be prevented when possible; and

WHEREAS, each public school site is required by Section 24-100 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to establish a Safe School Committee to make recommendations to the principal regarding violence prevention and other strategies for students to avoid harm at school; and

WHEREAS, violence prevention curricula in use by public schools vary considerably in content and may lack demonstrated effectiveness as determined by independent evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Council of School Administration represents both public school district superintendents and school principals; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that insufficient data on the incidence and prevalence of violence in public schools is available to state agencies for the purpose of planning collaborative efforts to prevent such violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Legislature directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to survey a representative sample of public school sites to determine the frequency of meetings of Safe School Committees and the content of recommendations they have made regarding the prevention of school violence. Further, the Legislature directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a report by December 1, 1999, which includes recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate regarding any additional actions which should be taken by each school site to combat violent behavior by students and the feasibility of requiring schools to annually report the number of student suspensions resulting from violent behavior to the Criminal Justice Resource Center for inclusion in the document Addressing Violence in Oklahoma. The Council on Violence Prevention and the Criminal Justice Resource Center shall assist in the preparation of the report. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Cooperative Council of School Administration and any other group that requests a copy.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Executive Directors of the Cooperative Council of School Administration, the Criminal Justice Resource Center, and the State Department of Health.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

President of the Senate