

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2168

By: Staggs of the House

and

Fisher of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; stating legislative intent to address school violence through prevention; specifying preventative methods; allowing school districts to pursue certain preventative methods; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and assist the public schools of this state to address school violence through an emphasis on prevention. Preventative services shall be encouraged through greater access to mental health counseling and social services for students. In order to make licensed professional counselors and licensed social workers more available and accessible on site, school districts may:

1. Contract with and allocate space for nonprofit agencies or other community-based service providers for the appropriate personnel and services;

2. Seek any available funding, including the use of Medicaid funds for students who are Medicaid eligible through targeted case management, and any other funding which may be available for related services; and

3. Encourage the State Board of Education to allow for the use of licensed professional counselors and licensed social workers in addition to academic counselors.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 3rd day of April, 2000.

President of the Senate