

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 1999

House Joint Resolution No. 1012

HOUSEJOINTRESOLUTION NO. 1012 -- By LINDLEY of the House and MONSON of the Senate.

A Joint Resolution requesting a survey of sites with Safe School Committees; requesting certain report; specifying such report; requiring certain assistance; 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 requests the Cooperative Council of Oklahoma School Administration 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 requests the

Cooperative Council 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 are directed to and shall assist the Council in the preparation of its report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-17-99 – DO PASS, As Coauthored.