

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL NO. 1627

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and

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House

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[ schools - Healthy and Fit Kids Act of 2004 - Safe  
and Healthy School Advisory Committee - effective  
date -

emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-100, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 2002, and as renumbered by Section 5, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 24-100.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-100.5 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthy and Fit Kids Act of 2004".

B. 1. Due to ~~the~~ growing concern in public schools regarding issues that affect the health and well-being of children including concerns about health and nutrition, physical activity, security and safety and the ever constant threat of, violence ~~in the public schools,~~ and youth suicide, it is the intent of the Legislature that public schools ~~and,~~ families and communities work together to ~~combat this rising problem~~ ensure that the school's curriculum, instruction and after-school programs reflect community values. ~~Therefore,~~ beginning

2. Beginning October 1, ~~1996~~ 2004, and every year thereafter,  
each public school ~~site~~ shall establish a Safe and Healthy School  
Advisory Committee to be composed of at least ~~six (6)~~ ten (10)  
members. The Safe and Healthy School Advisory Committee shall be  
composed of ~~an equal number of~~ teachers, administrators, parents of  
~~the children affected and students,~~ health care professionals,  
business community representatives, law enforcement, senior  
citizens, the clergy, and nonprofit health organizations'  
representatives.

3. The principal of each school shall appoint members of the  
committee to reflect the demographic composition of the school and  
shall submit the membership list of the committee to the  
superintendent of the district.

4. Each committee shall meet at least quarterly.

~~B.~~ C. The Safe and Healthy School Advisory Committee shall  
study and make recommendations to the principal, and the principal  
shall consider such recommendations before modifying school  
education curriculum or instruction requirements regarding:

1. Unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students to avoid  
harm at school, student victimization, crime prevention, school  
violence, and other issues which prohibit the maintenance of a safe  
school;

2. Student harassment, intimidation, and bullying at school;

3. Professional development needs of faculty and staff to  
implement methods to decrease student harassment, intimidation, and  
bullying;

4. Health education;

5. Physical education and physical activity;

6. Nutrition and health services;

7. Parental involvement;

8. Instruction to prevent the use of tobacco;

9. Youth injury and suicide prevention; and

~~4.~~ 10. Methods to encourage the involvement of the community and students, the development of individual relationships between students and school staff, and use of problem-solving teams that include counselors and/or school psychologists.

D. 1. In its considerations, the Safe and Healthy School Advisory Committee shall review traditional and accepted harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention programs utilized by other states, state agencies, or school districts.

~~E.~~ 2. The State Department of Education shall compile and distribute to each public school ~~site~~ a list of research-based programs appropriate for the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying of students at school. If a school district implements a commercial bullying prevention program, it shall use a program listed by the State Department of Education.

E. 1. The State Department of Education, in coordination with the State Department of Health, shall make available and notify each school of the availability of one or more coordinated health programs designed to prevent obesity, cardiovascular disease, and Type 2 diabetes in elementary school students. Each program shall include provisions for coordinating:

- a. health education,
- b. physical education and physical activity,
- c. nutrition and health services, and
- d. parental involvement.

2. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules specifying criteria for evaluating a coordinated health program before making the program available pursuant to this subsection. Before adopting the criteria, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall request review and comment concerning the criteria from the public.

3. The Superintendent may make available pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection only those programs that meet criteria adopted pursuant to this section.

F. 1. The State Board of Education, in cooperation with the Governor, shall adopt rules to establish a system of recognition which may include financial rewards for schools found to have made significant accomplishments related to improvement of student safety and health including, but not limited to:

- a. adoption of policies and initiatives that lead to reductions in bullying, violence and injury,
- b. adoption of policies that ensure that students in elementary grades engage in instruction in the areas of nutrition and obesity prevention, cardiovascular health education, tobacco use prevention, and injury and violence prevention,
- c. establishment of a Safe and Healthy School Advisory Committee and frequency of committee meetings,
- d. adoption and enforcement of policies governing vending machine and food service guidelines, including ways to improve the quality of cafeteria offerings and innovative uses for profits from the sale of products in vending machines,
- e. adoption and enforcement of policies and procedures that prescribe sanctions for the use of tobacco products by students and others on school campuses or at school-sponsored or school-related activities,
- f. adoption of policies that encourage, promote and reward parental involvement,
- g. creation of after-school programs that promote physical activity and health, and
- h. implementation of other exemplary policies or procedures that promote safe and healthy schools.

2. The Board may rely on and accept contributions from private and other sources to fund such recognitions and financial rewards.

D. G. The provisions of ~~this section~~ the Healthy and Fit Kids Act of 2004 shall not apply to technology center schools.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

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.

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