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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Monday, February 24, 2003**

**Senate Bill No. 255**

SENATE BILL NO. 255 - By: COFFEE of the Senate and ASKINS of the House.

An Act relating to education; creating the Violence Education Week in the State of Oklahoma; requiring the Legislature to consult with certain entities in sponsoring a Violence Education Week; specifying possible program parameters and lead agency; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a Violence Education Week in the State of Oklahoma.

B. The Legislature, in consultation with the State Department of Education, the State Tourism and Recreation Department and local communities, shall sponsor a Violence Education Week in which to highlight activities that offer positive alternatives to violence. A Violence Education Week program may include, but need not be limited to:

- 1. Violence education programs and assemblies in schools;
- 2. Public service announcements that air in community markets across the state; and

1           3. Any other activity that promotes positive alternatives to  
2 violence.

3           C. The State Department of Education shall function as the lead  
4 agency in developing the Violence Education Week.

5           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9           COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-17-03 - DO  
10          PASS, As Coauthored.