

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1459

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring school districts to establish school wellness and fitness policy; stating minimum requirements; directing State Department of Education in consultation with State Department of Health to make certain information and assistance available to schools on request; encouraging school districts to combine requirements of this section with requirements of certain federal law; requiring districts to provide certain report to State Department of Education; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 24-100b of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district board of education shall establish a school wellness and fitness policy that, at a minimum:

1. Includes goals for nutrition education, physical activity and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the board determines is appropriate;

2. Includes nutrition guidelines selected by the board for all foods available on each school campus during the school day with the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity;

3. Establishes a plan for measuring implementation of the school wellness policy;

4. Measures progress in student fitness beginning in the 2007-2008 school year by means of either the fitness assessment developed

by the State Department of Education or the school health index available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website; and

5. Involves the Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee, created pursuant to Section 24-100a of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, along with parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, the school board, school administrators, and the public in the development of the school wellness policy.

B. The State Department of Education in consultation with the State Department of Health shall make available to schools, on request, information and technical assistance for use in:

1. Establishing healthy school nutrition environments;
2. Reducing childhood obesity;
3. Preventing diet-related chronic diseases; and
4. Establishing school wellness policies.

C. School districts are encouraged to combine the wellness policy required pursuant to this section with the school wellness policy required pursuant to Section 204 of Public Law 108-265.

D. Beginning November 1, 2007, and each year thereafter, each school district shall provide a report to the State Department of Education on the district's wellness policy, goals, guidelines, and progress in implementing the policy and attaining the goals. Each district shall require each school under its jurisdiction to provide a report to the district by a deadline it determines for use in compiling the district report.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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