

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1531

6 By: Lindley

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 ( Schools - Safe School Committees - effective date -  
9 emergency )

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-100, as  
14 amended by Section 4, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 2002 and as renumbered by  
15 Section 5, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 24-  
16 100.5), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 24-100.5 A. Due to the growing concern regarding  
18 safety and the ever constant threat of violence in the public  
19 schools, it is the intent of the Legislature that public schools and  
20 families work together to combat this rising problem. Therefore,  
21 beginning October 1, 1996, and every year thereafter, each public  
22 school site shall establish a Safe School Committee to be composed  
23 of at least six (6) members. The Safe School Committee shall be

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1 composed of an equal number of teachers, parents of the children  
2 affected and students.

3 B. The Safe School Committee shall study and make  
4 recommendations to the principal regarding:

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

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

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

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

17 In its considerations, the Safe School Committee shall review  
18 traditional and accepted harassment, intimidation, and bullying  
19 prevention programs utilized by other states, state agencies, or  
20 school districts.

21 C. The State Department of Education shall compile and  
22 distribute to each public school site a list of research-based  
23 programs appropriate for the prevention of harassment, intimidation,  
24 and bullying of students at school. If a school district implements

1 a commercial bullying prevention program, it shall use a program  
2 listed by the State Department of Education.

3 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to technology  
4 center schools.

5 E. School districts shall post information about the meetings  
6 of the Safe School Committee and a copy of any recommendations of  
7 the Committee in the administrative office of the school district in  
8 an area accessible by the public. In addition, if the school  
9 district has an Internet web site, the meeting information and  
10 recommendations of the Committee shall be posted on the web site in  
11 a form that is accessible to the public.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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