

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 1530

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1530 - By: COODY AND MCDANIEL (JEANNIE) of the House and JOLLEY of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; creating the Health Education for Middle Schools Act of 2010; providing for the teaching of health education in the public schools; providing that school district may determine when instruction is offered; providing for certain areas of instruction; providing that instruction shall begin in the 2011-2012 school year; authorizing delay of implementation in certain circumstances; providing that instruction shall be offered as a separate semester course; requiring teachers to hold a health and physical education certificate; encouraging local school districts to work with certain community-based organizations; requiring local school districts to notify parents or guardians of the names of community-based organizations; providing that certain copies be made available to parents or guardians upon request; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

3 Section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the “Health Education for
4 Middle Schools Act of 2010”.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
6 Statutes as Section 11-103.6i of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in
7 numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. Health education shall be taught in the public schools of this state during grade
2 six, seven, or eight, in accordance with the Priority Academic Student Skills for Health
3 and Safety adopted by the State Department of Education. Each school district may
4 determine which grade level, either grade six, seven, or eight, and by which methods,
5 health education shall be taught. At a minimum, the following ten units, which are
6 incorporated in each textbook from the state-adopted health education textbook list, shall
7 be used to fulfill the requirements:

- 8 1. Physical activity;
- 9 2. Nutrition;
- 10 3. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs;
- 11 4. Behavioral health;
- 12 5. Oral health;
- 13 6. Environmental health;
- 14 7. Growth and development;
- 15 8. Injury prevention;
- 16 9. Bullying prevention; and
- 17 10. Wellness.

18 B. Instruction in health education shall be provided to students beginning with the
19 2011-2012 school year; provided, however, if a school does not employ a teacher certified
20 to teach health education in the 2010-2011 school year, such school may delay
21 implementation of this section until the 2013-2014 school year.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 C. Health education instruction shall be provided in a separate semester health
2 education course utilizing curricula from the state-adopted health textbook list.

3 D. Teachers instructing this course must be certified by the State Department of
4 Education to teach health education.

5 E. If a parent or guardian objects in writing to any of the units identified in
6 subsection A of this section, that student shall be exempt from instruction in that unit or
7 units.

8 F. Local school districts shall be encouraged to work with community-based
9 organizations, including county health departments, local hospitals, county extension
10 offices, and other organizations with proven expertise in the subject areas that provide
11 materials and resources, including personnel, in certain areas of instruction. Local
12 school districts shall be required to notify parents or guardians in advance of the names
13 of the community-based organizations under this subsection. Copies of the materials and
14 resources provided by the community-based organizations must be made available to
15 parents or guardians upon request.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-25-10
18 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.