

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 2863

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2863 - By: BUCK of the House and PADDACK of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; creating the Parental Education Warning Act; authorizing school district to provide a parental education warning notification to certain parents and guardians at a certain time; requiring posting of the notification on certain websites; stating purpose of the notification; specifying information to be included in the notification; directing the State Department of Education to make certain information available to school districts; providing for distribution of information; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 This act shall be know and may be cited as the “Parental Education Warning Act”.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
5 Statutes as Section 24-155 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
6 reads as follows:

7 A. At least one time during the school year, when the board of education of a school
8 district provides enrollment and curriculum information to parents and guardians of

1 students in grades fifth through seventh, the board may include a parental education
2 warning notification. In addition the parental education warning notification shall be
3 posted on the website for the school district and each school site with grades fifth
4 through seventh, if a website is available.

5 B. The purposes of a parental education warning notification shall be to inform the
6 parents and guardians about how critical the middle school grades are to preventing a
7 student from dropping out of high school and to the educational success of a student in
8 high school. The notification shall include but shall not be limited to information about
9 the early indicators of dropping out, the importance of early detection and intervention,
10 how to spot different patterns that may indicate problems, and how to provide
11 appropriate supports and interventions to struggling students when needed.

12 C. The State Department of Education shall develop and make available to school
13 districts information that meets the requirements of subsection B of this section that
14 may be included in the parental education warning notification. The Department shall
15 also provide examples of how to design and print the notification in a manner that meets
16 the requirement of subsection B of this section. The Department shall develop and make
17 the information available in the most cost-effective and programmatically effective
18 manner available as determined by the Department which shall at a minimum include
19 posting the information on the Department website.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
2 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof
3 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-04-10
5 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.