

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1530

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Health
8 Education Act; providing for the teaching of health
9 education in the public schools; providing for
10 certain areas of instruction; providing for a minimum
11 of one semester of health education instruction
12 during grade six, seven, or eight; providing
13 instruction to be taught in a separate course;
14 providing option of when course is to be offered;
15 ensuring teachers offering instruction are certified
16 to teach health education; encouraging local school
17 districts to work with certain community-based
18 organizations; providing for codification; providing
19 for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

Section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the
"Health Education Act".

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

1 A. Health education shall be taught in the public schools of
2 this state, in accordance with the Priority Academic Student Skills
3 for Health and Safety adopted by the State Department of Education.
4 Topics of instruction shall be determined by each local school
5 district, but shall include the following areas of instruction:

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

15 B. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, school districts
16 shall provide a minimum of one semester of instruction in health
17 education to students during grade six, seven, or eight.

18 C. Health education instruction shall be provided in a separate
19 health education course utilizing curricula from the state-adopted
20 health textbook list. School districts shall have the option of
21 determining if the semester course shall be offered to students in
22 grade six, seven, or eight.

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1 D. The State Department of Education shall ensure that teachers
2 instructing this required course are certified to teach health
3 education.

4 E. Local school districts shall be encouraged to work with
5 community-based organizations, including county health departments,
6 local hospitals, county extension offices, and other organizations
7 with proven expertise in the subject areas that provide materials
8 and resources, including personnel, in certain areas of instruction.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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