

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2641

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8 [schools - family and societal issues on students -
9 student counseling - counseling curriculum - Office
10 of Juvenile Affairs to identify an evidence-based
11 counseling curriculum - subject to funding -
12 effective date -
13 emergency]

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.241 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Legislature recognizes that many students are dealing
22 with family and societal issues that make it difficult or impossible
23 for them to be successful students. Among other school-based
24 counseling programs, designated youth services agencies provide

1 counseling for those students. To assure the quality and
2 availability of the counseling services, the Legislature finds that
3 it is desirable that school districts have access to individual and
4 group counseling using an evidence-based counseling curriculum to
5 prevent self-defeating, destructive or disruptive behavior. The
6 curriculum may include training in problem solving, anger
7 management, grief counseling, responsibility, communication and
8 decision-making skills.

9 B. In order to assure the ability of school districts to give
10 their students the best opportunity for academic and personal
11 success, subject to the availability of funds, the Office of
12 Juvenile Affairs, together with the Oklahoma Association of Youth
13 Services, shall identify an evidence-based counseling curriculum.
14 Subject to the availability of funds, the Office of Juvenile
15 Affairs, through designated Youth Services Agencies, shall make the
16 identified evidence-based counseling available to students in school
17 districts.

18 C. For purposes of this section, "evidence-based" means a
19 program or practice that has had multiple-site randomized controlled
20 trials across heterogeneous populations demonstrating that the
21 program or practice is effective for the population.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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