

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2641

By: Denney of the House

3 and

4 Halligan of the Senate

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

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

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

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

1 it is desirable that school districts have access to individual and
2 group counseling using an evidence-based counseling curriculum to
3 prevent self-defeating, destructive or disruptive behavior. The
4 curriculum may include training in problem solving, anger
5 management, grief counseling, responsibility, communication and
6 decision-making skills.

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

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

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

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

