

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6j of Title 70, unless
4 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Health
6 Education for Middle Schools Act of 2011".

7 B. Contingent upon the appropriation of funding by the
8 Legislature for this purpose, health education shall be taught in
9 the public schools of this state during grade six, seven, or eight,
10 in accordance with the Priority Academic Student Skills for Health
11 and Safety adopted by the State Department of Education. Each
12 school district may determine which grade level, either grade six,
13 seven, or eight, and by which methods, health education shall be
14 taught. At a minimum, the following ten units, which are
15 incorporated in each textbook from the state-adopted health
16 education textbook list, shall be used to fulfill the requirements:

- 17 1. Physical activity;
- 18 2. Nutrition;
- 19 3. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs;
- 20 4. Behavioral health;
- 21 5. Oral health;
- 22 6. Environmental health;
- 23 7. Growth and development;

- 1 8. Injury prevention;
- 2 9. Bullying prevention; and
- 3 10. Wellness.

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

7 D. Teachers instructing this course shall be certified by the
8 State Board of Education to teach health education.

9 E. Any student whose parent or guardian presents to the school
10 principal a signed statement that any of the units identified in
11 subsection B of this section conflict with his or her sincerely held
12 moral or religious beliefs shall be exempt from instruction in that
13 unit or units and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall
14 result therefrom. The school district shall provide prior written
15 notification to the parents or guardians of the right of the student
16 to be exempt from instruction as provided for in this subsection.
17 Each school district shall determine the means of providing written
18 notification to the parents or guardians which will ensure effective
19 notice in an efficient and appropriate manner.

20 F. Local school districts shall be encouraged to work with
21 community-based organizations, including county health departments,
22 local hospitals, county extension offices, and other organizations
23 with proven expertise in the subject areas that provide materials

1 and resources, including personnel, in certain areas of instruction.
2 Any materials and resources provided or used to teach health
3 education shall comply with all requirements of state law. Local
4 school districts shall be required to notify parents or guardians in
5 advance of the names of the community-based organizations under this
6 subsection. Copies of the materials and resources provided by the
7 community-based organizations must be made available to parents or
8 guardians upon request.

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

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03-02-2011
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