



1           A. The Legislature recognizes that many students are dealing  
2 with family and societal issues that make it difficult or impossible  
3 for them to be successful students. Among other school-based  
4 counseling programs, designated youth services agencies provide  
5 counseling for those students. To assure the quality and  
6 availability of the counseling services, the Legislature finds that  
7 it is desirable that school districts have access to individual and  
8 group counseling using an evidence-based counseling curriculum to  
9 prevent self-defeating, destructive or disruptive behavior. The  
10 curriculum may include training in problem solving, anger  
11 management, grief counseling, responsibility, communication and  
12 decision-making skills.

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

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

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

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
10 02/29/2012 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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