

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2641

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Twenty-First
8 Century Successful Living Act; recognizing the impact
9 of certain negative aspects of the twenty-first
10 century on students; stating legislative findings
11 relating to student counseling; describing certain
12 counseling curriculum; directing the Office of
13 Juvenile Affairs to identify an evidence-based
14 counseling curriculum and make it available to
15 students; making provision subject to funding;
16 defining term; providing for codification; providing
17 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Twenty-First
23 Century Successful Living Act".

24 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.242 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The Legislature recognizes that students in Oklahoma schools are
2 dealing with negative aspects of twenty-first century personal and
3 societal issues. For many students those issues that seem beyond
4 their control make it difficult or impossible to attain academic
5 success. To help students achieve success in the classroom and
6 beyond, the Legislature finds that it is desirable that all school
7 districts have access to individual and group counseling using an
8 evidence-based curriculum for the prevention and treatment of
9 negative self-esteem, anger and grief, and the resulting self-
10 defeating, destructive or disruptive behavior. The curriculum may
11 include training in problem solving, anger management, grief
12 counseling, responsibility, communication and decision-making
13 skills, which enable young people to accept and resolve the issues
14 presented by their lives and successfully resist social and other
15 pressures to engage in activities that are destructive to their
16 health and future.

17 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.243 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. In order to expand and enhance the ability of school
21 districts to give their students the best opportunity for academic
22 and personal success, subject to the availability of funds, the
23 Office of Juvenile Affairs, together with the Oklahoma Association
24 of Youth Services, shall identify an evidence-based counseling

1 curriculum. Subject to the availability of funds, the Office of
2 Juvenile Affairs, through designated Youth Services Agencies, shall
3 make the identified evidence-based counseling available to students
4 in school districts.

5 B. For purposes of the Twenty-First Century Successful Living
6 Act, "evidence-based" means a program or practice that has had
7 multiple-site randomized controlled trials across heterogeneous
8 populations demonstrating that the program or practice is effective
9 for the population.

10 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

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