

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1421

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to dating violence; permitting
8 certain school districts to incorporate specified
9 dating violence information into health curriculum;
10 permitting certain parents or guardians to review
11 specified information; permitting district boards of
12 education to prescribe and enforce certain policies;
13 defining terms; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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 24-100.7 of Title 70, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. A school district that provides instruction in grades seven
20 (7) through twelve (12) may incorporate dating violence information
21 that is age-appropriate into the school district's existing health
22 curriculum for students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) that
23 includes the following components:

- 24 1. A definition of dating violence;
2. The recognition of dating violence warning signs; and
3. The characteristics of healthy relationships.

1 B. On written request to the principal of the school where a
2 child is enrolled, the parent or guardian of a student who is under
3 eighteen (18) years of age shall be permitted to review the dating
4 violence information instructional materials within a reasonable
5 time after submitting the written request.

6 C. A district board of education may prescribe and enforce
7 policies and procedures to address incidents of dating violence
8 involving students at school that may be based on a model dating
9 violence policy.

10 D. For purposes of this section:

11 1. "Dating violence" means a pattern of behavior where one
12 person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal
13 or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner; and

14 2. "Dating partner" means any person, regardless of gender,
15 involved in an intimate relationship with another primarily
16 characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether
17 casual, serious or long-term.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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