

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
3 BILL NO. 1623

By: Floyd, Sherrer and McDaniel
(Jeannie) of the House

4 and

5 McAffrey of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to schools; *** directing the
9 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
10 Services to develop and make available to school
11 districts suicide prevention and awareness training;
12 providing requirements for certain training programs;
13 providing immunity for certain acts by school
14 employees; limiting causes of action; prohibiting
15 certain construction; providing for codification; and
16 providing for noncodification.

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18 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and
19 entire bill and insert

20 "An Act relating to schools; permitting boards of
21 education to adopt a suicide and student drug abuse
22 policy; requiring course outline to be made available
23 to the public through the school district website;
24 directing the Department of Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Services to develop and make
available to school districts suicide prevention and
awareness training; providing requirements for
certain training programs; providing immunity for
certain acts by school employees; limiting causes of
action; permitting school districts to enter into
certain agreements; requiring certain notification;
providing for codification; and declaring an
emergency.

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

5 A. The board of education of each school district in this state
6 may adopt a policy regarding suicide awareness and training and the
7 reporting of student drug abuse.

8 B. The board of education of each school district in this state
9 may provide schoolwide training to all students in grades nine
10 through twelve and staff addressing suicide awareness and
11 prevention. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
12 Services shall develop and make available to school districts
13 training which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without
14 cost to the school districts. The course outline for the training
15 shall be made available to the public online through the school
16 district website. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, every
17 school district may:

18 1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes
19 as a core element research-based approaches and that is developed by
20 the school district; or

21 2. Provide the training program provided by the Department of
22 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; or

23 3. Provide a suicide prevention training program that is
24 selected by the school district from a list maintained by the

1 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to students
2 and school district staff that addresses suicide awareness and
3 prevention. The training program may be combined with any other
4 training provided by the school district addressing bullying
5 prevention.

6 C. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other
7 school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any
8 civil liability for:

9 1. Calling the 911 emergency telephone number, law enforcement
10 or the Department of Human Services if they believe a student poses
11 a threat to themselves or others or if a student has committed or
12 been the victim of a violent act or threat of a violent act;

13 2. Providing counseling, referral, emergency medical care or
14 other assistance offered in good faith to a student or other youth;
15 and

16 3. Communicating information in good faith concerning drug or
17 alcohol abuse or a potential safety threat by or to any student to
18 the parents of the student, law enforcement officers or health care
19 providers.

20 D. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or
21 damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the
22 implementation of this section or resulting from any training, or
23 lack thereof, required by this section, unless the loss or damage
24 was caused by willful or wanton misconduct.

1 E. The training required pursuant to this section, or the lack
2 thereof, shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

3 F. School districts may enter into agreements with designated
4 Youth Services Agencies for the provision of intervention and
5 prevention services.

6 G. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators, or other
7 school personnel, upon determining that a student is at risk of
8 attempting suicide, shall notify the parents or legal guardians of
9 the student immediately upon determining that such risk exists.

10 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

14 Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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18 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2013.

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