

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1623 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Kay Floyd _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1623

By: Floyd

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; stating legislative
10 findings; requiring boards of education to adopt a
11 suicide and student drug abuse policy; directing the
12 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
13 Services to develop and make available to school
14 districts suicide prevention and awareness training;
15 establishing a minimum annual training requirement;
16 providing immunity for certain acts by school
17 employees; limiting causes of action; prohibiting
18 certain construction; providing for codification;
19 providing for noncodification; providing an effective
20 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

24 The Legislature finds that the American Journal of Public Health
recently reported that suicides have surpassed car crashes as the
leading cause of injury-related deaths in the nation. In Oklahoma,
student suicides are among the leading cause of death in the state

1 among school-age children. While both school and community
2 resources are limited, some Oklahoma educators have reported success
3 in intervening by using large, schoolwide presentations to staff and
4 students that focus on bullying prevention, suicide prevention, and
5 early intervention through the use of real examples and testimony
6 from those who have dealt directly with student suicide and
7 bullying.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.7 of Title 70, unless
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. The board of education of each school district in this state
12 shall adopt a policy regarding suicide awareness and training and
13 the reporting of student drug abuse.

14 B. The board of education of each school district in this state
15 shall provide schoolwide training to all students and staff
16 addressing suicide awareness and prevention. The Department of
17 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall develop and make
18 available to school districts training which addresses suicide
19 awareness and prevention, without cost to the school districts.
20 Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, every school district
21 shall provide the training program provided by the Department of
22 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to students and school
23 district staff of not less than two (2) hours annually that
24 addresses suicide awareness and prevention. The training program

1 may be combined with any other training provided by the school
2 district addressing bullying prevention. The board may require
3 additional time to be allotted for the training if deemed necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

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

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