

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3416

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-  
8 100.5, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 311, O.S.L.  
9 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 24-100.5), which  
10 relates to the establishment of a Safe School  
11 Committee for each public school site; requiring  
12 State Department of Education to include certain  
13 subject in list of programs to prevent student  
14 bullying; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-100.5, as  
16 amended by Section 4, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013,  
17 Section 24-100.5), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 24-100.5 A. Every year each public school site shall  
19 establish a Safe School Committee to be composed of at least seven  
20 (7) members. The Safe School Committee shall be composed of  
21 teachers, parents of enrolled students, students, and a school  
22 official who participates in the investigation of reports of  
23 bullying as required by subsection A of Section 24-100.4 of this  
24 title. The Committee may include administrators, school staff,

1 school volunteers, community representatives, and local law  
2 enforcement agencies. The Committee shall assist the school board  
3 in promoting a positive school climate through planning,  
4 implementing and evaluating effective prevention, readiness and  
5 response strategies, including the policy required by Section 24-  
6 100.4 of this title.

7 B. The Safe School Committee shall study and make  
8 recommendations to the principal regarding:

9 1. Unsafe conditions, possible strategies for students, faculty  
10 and staff to avoid physical and emotional harm at school, student  
11 victimization, crime prevention, school violence, and other issues  
12 which prohibit the maintenance of a safe school;

13 2. Student bullying as defined in Section 24-100.3 of this  
14 title;

15 3. Professional development needs of faculty and staff to  
16 recognize and implement methods to decrease student bullying; and

17 4. Methods to encourage the involvement of the community and  
18 students, the development of individual relationships between  
19 students and school staff, and use of problem-solving teams and  
20 resources that include counselors and other behavioral health  
21 resources within or outside the school system.

22 In its considerations, the Safe School Committee shall review  
23 the district policy for the prevention of bullying and the list of  
24 research-based programs appropriate for the prevention of bullying

1 of students at school compiled by the State Department of Education.  
2 In addition, the Committee may review traditional and accepted  
3 bullying prevention programs utilized by other states, state  
4 agencies, or school districts.

5 C. The State Department of Education shall:

6 1. Develop a model policy and deliver training materials to all  
7 school districts on the components that should be included in a  
8 school district policy for the prevention of bullying; and

9 2. Compile and distribute to each public school site,  
10 prominently display on the State Department of Education website and  
11 annually publicize in print media a list of research-based programs  
12 appropriate for the prevention of bullying of students, specifically  
13 including teen dating violence prevention. If a school district  
14 implements a commercial bullying prevention program, it shall use a  
15 program listed by the State Department of Education.

16 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to technology  
17 center schools.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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