

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1362

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 24-100.5, as amended by Section 4, Chapter
10 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 24-
11 100.5), which relates to Safe School Committees;
12 authorizing Safe School Committees to develop an
13 optional rape or sexual assault response program for
14 students and school staff; providing an effective
15 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-100.5, as
18 amended by Section 4, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014,
19 Section 24-100.5), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 24-100.5 A. Every year each public school site shall
21 establish a Safe School Committee to be composed of at least seven
22 (7) members. The Safe School Committee shall be composed of
23 teachers, parents of enrolled students, students, and a school
24 official who participates in the investigation of reports of
bullying as required by subsection A of Section 24-100.4 of this
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 Safe School Committee may study and make recommendations
6 to the principal regarding the development of a rape or sexual
7 assault response program that may be implemented at the school site
8 that would inform students and school staff on the appropriate
9 emotional response and victim support needs and treatment following
10 a rape or sexual assault incident that occurs at school or involves
11 a student.

12 D. The State Department of Education shall:

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

16 2. Compile and distribute to each public school site,
17 prominently display on the State Department of Education website and
18 annually publicize in print media a list of research-based programs
19 appropriate for the prevention of bullying of students. If a school
20 district implements a commercial bullying prevention program, it
21 shall use a program listed by the State Department of Education.

22 ~~D.~~ E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
23 technology center schools.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

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