

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 HOUSE BILL 2790

By: Griffith

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
7 Section 24-100.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter  
8 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 24-  
9 100.3), which relates to the School Safety and  
Bullying Prevention Act; modifying definition of  
bullying; providing an effective date; and declaring  
an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-100.3, as  
14 amended by Section 2, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
15 Section 24-100.3), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 24-100.3 A. As used in the School Safety and Bullying  
17 Prevention Act:

18 1. "Bullying" means any ~~pattern of~~ unwanted aggressive  
19 behaviors involving an observed or perceived power imbalance that is  
20 repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated such as  
21 harassment, intimidation, threatening behavior, physical acts,  
22 verbal or electronic communication directed toward a student or  
23 group of students that results in or is reasonably perceived as  
24 being done with the intent to cause negative educational, social,

1 emotional or physical ~~results~~ harm or distress for the targeted  
2 individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt  
3 or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education  
4 of any student;

5 2. "At school" means on school grounds, in school vehicles, at  
6 school-sponsored activities, or at school-sanctioned events;

7 3. "Electronic communication" means the communication of any  
8 written, verbal, pictorial information or video content by means of  
9 an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, a  
10 mobile or cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunication  
11 device, or a computer; and

12 4. "Threatening behavior" means any pattern of behavior or  
13 isolated action, whether or not it is directed at another person,  
14 that a reasonable person would believe indicates potential for  
15 future harm to students, school personnel, or school property.

16 B. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impose a specific  
17 liability on any school district.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

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

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