

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

HOUSE BILL 2351

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Common Sense Zero Tolerance Act; prohibiting school districts from punishing students for certain actions; listing actions; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Common Sense Zero Tolerance Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-101.5 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No school district, school administrator, teacher or other school employee shall punish, humiliate, intimidate, be condescending to, or bully a student, including suspension of the

1 student as authorized pursuant to Section 24-101.3 of Title 70 of
2 the Oklahoma Statutes, as a result of any of the following actions
3 by the student:

4 1. Brandishing a pastry or other food which is partially
5 consumed in such a way that the remnant resembles a weapon;

6 2. Possession of a toy weapon which is five (5) inches or less;

7 3. Possession of a toy weapon made of plastic or wood snap-
8 together building blocks;

9 4. Using a finger or hand to simulate a weapon;

10 5. Vocalizing imaginary firearms or munitions;

11 6. Wearing articles of clothing or accessories that support or
12 advance Second Amendment rights or organizations. If a school
13 requires students to wear uniforms, the provisions of this paragraph
14 shall not be interpreted to supersede the uniform policy of the
15 school;

16 7. Drawing a picture of, creating or possessing an image of, a
17 firearm, military vehicle, aircraft or weapon or any object that
18 supports Second Amendment rights or Constitutional freedoms; or

19 8. Using a pencil, pen or other writing utensil to simulate a
20 weapon.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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