

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1952

By: Jordan of the House

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4 Paxton of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to schools; defining certain term;
8 prohibiting school district from prohibiting or
9 taking disciplinary action against teachers for
10 certain reasons; requiring school district to post
11 copy of certain law; providing for codification; and
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-101.6b of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. For purposes of this section, "teacher" means the term as
18 defined in paragraph 1 of Section 1-116 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
19 Statutes.

20 B. No school district shall prohibit or take disciplinary
21 action against teachers for:

22 1. Disclosing public information to correct what the teacher
23 reasonably believes evidences a violation of the Oklahoma
24 Constitution or law or a rule promulgated pursuant to law;

2. Reporting a violation of the Oklahoma Constitution, state or federal law, rule or policy; mismanagement; a gross waste of public funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or

3. Taking any of the above actions without giving prior notice to the teacher's supervisor or anyone else in the teacher's chain of command.

C. Each school district shall prominently post or publish a copy of this section of law in locations where it can reasonably be expected to come to the attention of all teachers.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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