

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4   HOUSE BILL 1952

By: Jordan

7                   AS INTRODUCED

8           An Act relating to schools; defining certain term;  
9           prohibiting school district from prohibiting or  
10          taking disciplinary action against teachers for  
11          certain reasons; requiring school district to post  
12          copy of certain law; providing for codification; and  
13          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;

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

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

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

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

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/28/2017  
14 - DO PASS.