

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE BILL 2526

 By: Cleveland of the House

5 and

6 Scott of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
11 Chapter 222, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section
12 13-116), which relates to punishment for students
13 with disabilities; prohibiting the use of seclusion
14 on students identified with the most significant
15 cognitive disabilities; providing exception for
16 written consent; defining term; and providing an
17 effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 222, O.S.L.
20 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 13-116), is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Section 13-116. A. School district personnel shall be
23 prohibited from using corporal punishment or seclusion on students
24 identified with the most significant cognitive disabilities
 according to criteria established by the State Department of
 Education unless addressed in an annual individualized education

1 program (IEP) developed in accordance with the Individuals with
2 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

3 B. A waiver to the provisions of subsection A of this section
4 shall be granted if the parent or legal guardian of a student
5 provides written consent.

6 C. As used in this section, 7:

7 1. "corperal Corporal punishment" means the deliberate
8 infliction of physical pain by hitting, paddling, spanking, slapping
9 or any other physical force used as a means of discipline; and

10 2. "Seclusion" means involuntary confinement alone in a room or
11 area where the student is physically prevented from leaving, usually
12 because the door or exit is locked or obstructed.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 03/01/2018 -
16 DO PASS, As Coauthored.