

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1952

By: Jordan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; defining certain term; prohibiting school district from prohibiting or taking disciplinary action against teachers for certain reasons; requiring school district to post copy of certain law; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

1. Disclosing public information to correct what the teacher reasonably believes evidences a violation of the Oklahoma 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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