

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 446

By: Haste and Allen of the
Senate

and

Dills, Bush, Talley,
Conley, Provenzano and Bell
of the House

An Act relating to schools; directing the development and dissemination of information, training and resources regarding mental health needs of students; specifying information to be included; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Mental health in schools

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 6-194.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in consultation with school district superintendents and school district boards of education, shall develop and make available to school districts information, training and resources to help school employees recognize and address the mental health needs of students.

B. The information made available to school districts shall include but not be limited to:

1. Information about the services provided by community-based organizations related to mental health, substance abuse and trauma;

2. Information about the impact trauma and adverse childhood experiences can have on a student's ability to learn;

3. The availability of mental health evaluation and treatment available by telemedicine; and

4. Information about evidence-based strategies for prevention of at-risk behaviors.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 29th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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