

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO. 45

By: Sharp

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school employees; requiring school district boards of education to adopt certain code of principles; providing for contents of code; requiring a copy of the code and any amendments to be given to school employees annually; requiring the code to be included in certain handbook; allowing the code to be published on certain website; 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 6-101.33 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district board of education shall adopt a code of principles that provides guidelines for appropriate interaction between school district employees and students. The code of principles shall include, at a minimum:

1. Guidelines for appropriate text messaging interaction between school district employees and students;

2. Guidelines for appropriate social media interaction between school district employees and students; and

1 3. Information about the potential penalties associated with
2 being convicted, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a
3 plea of nolo contendere, or receiving a suspended sentence or any
4 probationary term for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime
5 provided for in Section 843.5 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes
6 if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as those
7 terms are defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma
8 Statutes, Sections 741, 843.1, if the offense included sexual abuse
9 or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 888, 891, 1021, 1021.2,
10 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1087, 1088, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of
11 the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 B. A copy of the code of principles developed pursuant to
13 subsection A of this section and any amendments to the code shall be
14 provided to each school employee annually. The code of principles
15 shall be included in a school district's employee handbook and may
16 be published on the district's website.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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