

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB1253 |
| Version: | Engrossed |
| Request Number: | |
| Author: | Sen. Haste and Rep. Baker |
| Date: | 4/17/2020 |
| Impact: | Please see previous summary of this measure |

Research Analysis

Senate Bill 1253 creates the Health Education Act and requires health education to be taught in Oklahoma's public schools. The measure directs the State Board of Education to adopt subject matter standards in health and physical education, which shall include but not be limited to physical, emotional, social, and intellectual health.

By 2022-2023, school districts shall provide health education instruction at least once in each grade span:

Prek - 2nd grade
Third – fifth grade
Sixth – eighth grade
Ninth – twelfth grade

Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, students entering the ninth grade must complete the requirements for health education in order to graduate.

The measure requires the State Department of Education to develop a micro-credential for teachers who are assigned to teach health, and to develop professional development programs for such teachers by the 2021-2022 school year. Health education may be integrated into one or more existing subjects or as a stand-alone course. Teachers assigned to teach the subject as a stand-alone course shall be certified in physical and health education.

SB 1253 also creates the “Health Education Revolving Fund” within the State Treasury.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

