

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 1308

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school safety; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 323, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section
9 24-100.8), which relates to threatening behavior;
10 requiring school district to develop policy
11 determining if student needs to complete mental
12 health assessment prior to returning to school;
13 specifying type of assessment; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 323, O.S.L.
17 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 24-100.8), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 24-100.8 A. As used in this section, "threatening
20 behavior" means any verbal threat or threatening behavior, whether
21 or not it is directed at another person, which indicates potential
22 for future harm to students, school personnel or school property.

23 B. An officer or employee of a school district or member of a
24 board of education shall notify law enforcement of any verbal threat
or act of threatening behavior which reasonably may have the
potential to endanger students, school personnel or school property.

1 C. Officers or employees of a school district or members of a
2 board of education shall be immune from employment discipline and
3 any civil liability for communicating information pursuant to
4 subsection B of this section in good faith if they reasonably
5 believe a person is making verbal threats or is exhibiting
6 threatening behavior.

7 D. The school district shall develop a policy to determine if a
8 student who engages in threatening behavior that has the potential
9 to cause severe bodily harm or extreme violence needs to complete a
10 mental health assessment and evaluation administered by assessment
11 personnel certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance
12 Abuse Services prior to returning to school.

13 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose a
14 specific liability on any school district.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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