

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3348

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring mental health education in grades kindergarten through twelve; directing the State Board of Education to promulgate rules for mental health curriculum; 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 11-103.9b of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, every school district shall ensure that its health education programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including instruction in mental health and the relation of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity. The instruction in mental health shall be adapted to the age and understanding of the

1 students. The instruction shall include, as appropriate,
2 information on substance abuse.

3 B. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
4 ensure the incorporation of instruction in mental health in an
5 appropriate place in the curriculum for students in grades
6 kindergarten through twelve. In developing the rules, the State
7 Board of Education shall consult with mental health experts
8 including, but not limited to, representatives from the Oklahoma
9 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.
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