

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1455

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; directing the State  
9 Department of Education, in certain consultation and  
10 contingent on certain funding, to establish a program  
11 for receiving certain reports of potential self-harm,  
12 potential harm and criminal acts; directing the  
13 Department to issue a request for proposals for a  
14 hotline to receive certain reports via certain  
15 methods; requiring the hotline to have certain  
16 availability; providing requirements for certain  
17 program; directing the Department, in certain  
18 consultation, to ensure certain training is provided  
19 to program personnel; requiring a report to be  
20 maintained as certain record for certain time period;  
21 directing the Department to publish certain  
22 information on its website; requiring the Department  
23 to publish certain report; providing contents of  
24 report; providing for promulgation of rules;  
25 providing for codification; providing an effective  
26 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

31 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
32 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.9 of Title 70, unless  
33 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
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1       A. Contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds  
2 designated for such purpose, the State Department of Education, in  
3 consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Department  
4 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, shall establish a  
5 program for receiving reports and other information from the public  
6 regarding potential self-harm and potential harm or criminal acts  
7 including but not limited to sexual abuse, assault or rape directed  
8 at students, school employees or schools in this state. The State  
9 Department of Education shall issue a request for proposals for a  
10 hotline for receiving reports and information via phone, email, text  
11 or through a smartphone application. The hotline shall be available  
12 twenty-four (24) hours a day, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a  
13 year.

14       B. The program established pursuant to subsection A of this  
15 section shall:

16       1. Provide a means to review all information submitted through  
17 the hotline;

18       2. Direct reports and information related to any potential  
19 threat to local law enforcement;

20       3. Include information about the availability of mental health,  
21 substance abuse and trauma-related services; and

22       4. Include a means by which responses at the local level are  
23 evaluated for effectiveness.  
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1 C. The State Department of Education, in consultation with the  
2 Department of Public Safety and the Department of Mental Health and  
3 Substance Abuse Services, shall ensure training is provided to  
4 program personnel in the following areas:

5 1. Crisis management, including recognizing mental illness,  
6 emotional disturbance and a psychiatric emergency;

7 2. The resources that are available in the community for  
8 providing mental health treatment and related services; and

9 3. Other matters determined by the State Department of  
10 Education, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of  
11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to be relevant to the  
12 administration and operation of the program.

13 D. A report or other information submitted to the hotline shall  
14 be considered a report to a local law enforcement agency and shall  
15 be maintained as a record for at least one (1) year.

16 E. The State Department of Education shall publish information  
17 about the availability of the hotline on its website.

18 F. The State Department of Education shall publish a report  
19 annually on its website that includes the number of reports received  
20 by the hotline, the types of reports received and the resolution of  
21 reports directed to local law enforcement. The report shall not  
22 include any identifying information and shall comply with the Family  
23 Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).  
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1 G. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
2 implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

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