

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL 1778

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
8 Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section  
9 6-194.3), which relates to resources addressing  
10 mental health needs of students; directing the State  
11 Department of Education, subject to funding, to make  
certain video available to school districts;  
providing an effective date; and declaring an  
emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L.  
15 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-194.3), is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 Section 6-194.3. A. The State Department of Education and the  
18 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in  
19 consultation with school district superintendents and school  
20 district boards of education, shall develop and make available to  
21 school districts information, training and resources to help school  
22 employees recognize and address the mental health needs of students.

23 B. The information made available to school districts shall  
24 include but not be limited to:

1 1. Information about the services provided by community-based  
2 organizations related to mental health, substance abuse and trauma;

3 2. Information about the impact trauma and adverse childhood  
4 experiences can have on a student's ability to learn;

5 3. The availability of mental health evaluation and treatment  
6 available by telemedicine; and

7 4. Information about evidence-based strategies for prevention  
8 of at-risk behaviors.

9 C. Subject to availability of funding, the State Department of  
10 Education shall make available to school districts a video to show  
11 students that brings awareness to health issues related to toxic  
12 stress in students.

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

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

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