

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1568

By: Boatman, Randleman,  
Phillips, Pae and  
Rosecrants of the House

and

Haste of the Senate

[ schools - creating Maria's Law - adding mental  
health instruction to health education curriculum -  
effective date ]

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the stricken title, enacting clause  
and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to schools; creating Maria's Law;  
directing certain curriculum include mental health  
instruction beginning in certain school year;  
directing the State Board of Education in certain  
consultation to revise certain standards to include  
focus on mental health; directing standards and  
resources to be available on certain website;  
allowing school districts to enter into agreements  
with approved nonprofits and community partners;  
providing for promulgation of rules; 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:

1       A. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Maria's  
2 Law".

3       B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the State Board of  
4 Education shall require that all schools, as part of any health  
5 education curriculum, include instruction in mental health, with an  
6 emphasis on the interrelation of physical and mental well-being.

7       C. In consultation with the Department of Mental Health and  
8 Substance Abuse Services, the Board shall revise the Oklahoma  
9 Academic Standards for Health and Physical Education to include a  
10 focus on mental health and develop a list of age-appropriate  
11 resources for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The  
12 standards and resources shall be available on the website of the  
13 State Department of Education.

14       D. School districts may enter into agreements with nonprofit  
15 entities and other community partners to assist with or to provide  
16 mental health education to students pursuant to this section if the  
17 nonprofits and community partners are approved by the State  
18 Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health and  
19 Substance Abuse Services.

20       E. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions  
21 of this section.

22       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021."  
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4 Passed the Senate the 13th day of April, 2021.  
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7 Presiding Officer of the Senate

8 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
9 2021.  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.9b of Title 70, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Maria's  
18 Law".

19 B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the State Board of  
20 Education shall require that all schools, as part of any health  
21 education curriculum, include instruction in mental health, with an  
22 emphasis on the interrelation of physical and mental well-being.

23 C. The Board shall collaborate with the Department of Mental  
24 Health and Substance Abuse Services to adopt standards and approve

1 age-appropriate curriculum options for students in grades  
2 kindergarten through twelve. The standards and curriculum lists  
3 shall be available on the website of the State Department of  
4 Education.

5 D. Local school districts may enter into agreements with  
6 nonprofit entities and other community partners to assist with or to  
7 provide mental health education to students pursuant to this section  
8 if the nonprofits and community partners are approved by the State  
9 Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health and  
10 Substance Abuse Services.

11 E. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions  
12 of this section.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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