

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

By: Boatman, Randleman,  
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and

Haste of the Senate

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[ schools - creating Maria's Law - adding mental  
health instruction to health education - codification  
- 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. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Maria's  
Law".

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

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

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

14 E. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions  
15 of this section.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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