

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 21

By: Floyd and Stephens of the
Senate

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4 McEntire of the House
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7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
9 24-100.7), which relates to suicide awareness and
10 drug abuse policies; requiring rather than allowing
11 school district boards of education to adopt certain
12 policy; requiring boards of education to provide
13 certain staff training; directing certain curriculum
14 be made available to staff; requiring school
15 districts to provide certain training and curriculum
16 beginning in certain school year; allowing certain
17 training of students in certain grades beginning in
18 certain school year; providing an effective date; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L.
22 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 24-100.7), is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 Section 24-100.7. A. The board of education of each school
district in this state ~~may~~ shall adopt a policy regarding suicide
awareness and training, requiring staff training and the reporting
of student drug abuse.

1 B. The board of education of each school district in this state
2 ~~may~~ shall provide ~~schoolwide~~ district-wide training to all ~~students~~
3 ~~in grades seven through twelve and staff~~ on a biennial basis
4 addressing suicide awareness and prevention. The Department of
5 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall ~~develop and~~ make
6 available to school districts curriculum for staff which addresses
7 suicide awareness and prevention, without cost to the school
8 districts. The course outline for the curriculum shall be made
9 available to the public online through the school district website.
10 Beginning with the ~~2014-2015~~ 2021-2022 school year, every school
11 district ~~may~~ shall:

12 1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes
13 as a core element ~~research-based~~ evidence-based approaches ~~and that~~
14 ~~is developed by the school district;~~

15 2. Provide the curriculum made available by the Department of
16 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; or

17 3. Provide a suicide prevention training program that is
18 selected by the school district from a list maintained by the
19 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to ~~students~~
20 ~~and~~ school district staff that addresses suicide awareness and
21 prevention. The training program may be combined with any other
22 training provided by the school district addressing bullying
23 prevention.

1 C. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the board of
2 education of each school district may provide training to address
3 suicide awareness and prevention to students in grades seven through
4 twelve.

5 D. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other
6 school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any
7 civil liability for:

8 1. Calling the 911 emergency telephone number, law enforcement
9 or the Department of Human Services if they believe a student poses
10 a threat to themselves or others or if a student has committed or
11 been the victim of a violent act or threat of a violent act;

12 2. Providing referral, emergency medical care or other
13 assistance offered in good faith to a student or other youth; or

14 3. Communicating information in good faith concerning drug or
15 alcohol abuse or a potential safety threat by or to any student to
16 the parents or legal guardians of the student, law enforcement
17 officers or health care providers.

18 ~~D.~~ E. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or
19 damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the
20 implementation of this section or resulting from any training, or
21 lack thereof, required by this section, unless the loss or damage
22 was caused by willful or wanton misconduct.

1 ~~E. F.~~ The training required pursuant to this section, or the
2 lack thereof, shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of
3 care.

4 ~~F. School districts~~ G. The board of education of each school
5 district may enter into agreements with designated Youth Services
6 Agencies for the provision of intervention and prevention services.

7 ~~G. H.~~ Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators, or
8 other school personnel, upon determining that a student is at risk
9 of attempting suicide, shall notify the parents or legal guardians
10 of the student immediately upon determining that such risk exists.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

1 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2021.

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10 of Representatives