

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 2547

 By: Stinson

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; requiring media
9 timeouts at high school sporting events which are
10 being broadcast; prescribing amount and length of
11 timeouts; excluding halftime break; setting
12 minimum length for official or team timeouts;
13 authorizing discretion for game officials;
14 directing school athletic association to
15 implement requirements; providing for
16 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 821.21 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 At least four media timeouts of at least two (2) minutes each
20 shall be required at high school sporting events which are being
21 broadcast for television or radio. The media timeouts shall be from
22 the beginning to the end of each game and shall not include the
23 halftime break. All official or team timeouts shall be at least one
24 (1) minute to allow adequate time for media breaks. Media timeouts

1 may be implemented at the discretion of the game officials. A
2 school athletic association as defined in Section 27-102 of Title 70
3 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall implement and regulate the provisions
4 of this section through authorized officials operating on behalf of
5 the school athletic association and public schools.

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

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/25/2021 - DO PASS.

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