

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 21

 By: Floyd and Stephens of the
 Senate

6 and

7 McEntire, **Randleman** and
8 **Rosecrants** of the House

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

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

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

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

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

21 3. Provide a suicide prevention training program that is
22 selected by the school district from a list maintained by the
23 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to ~~students~~
24 ~~and~~ school district staff that addresses suicide awareness and

1 prevention. The training program may be combined with any other
2 training provided by the school district addressing bullying
3 prevention.

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

8 D. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other
9 school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any
10 civil liability for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/06/2021
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