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March 3, 2021

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 21

By: Floyd and Stephens of the  
Senate

and

McEntire of the House

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

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

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

Section 24-100.7. A. The board of education of each school district in this state ~~may~~ shall adopt a policy regarding suicide

1 awareness and training, requiring staff training and the reporting  
2 of student drug abuse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 ~~D.~~ E. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or  
21 damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the  
22 implementation of this section or resulting from any training, or  
23 lack thereof, required by this section, unless the loss or damage  
24 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.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
17 March 3, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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