

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1762

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6-194.3), which relates to mental health needs of students; including information about violence de-escalation in certain information made available to school districts; specifying topics to be included; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6-194.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-194.3 A. The State Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in consultation with school district superintendents and school district boards of education, shall develop and make available to school districts information, training and resources to help school employees recognize and address the mental health needs of students.

B. The information made available to school districts shall include but not be limited to:

1 1. Information about the services provided by community-based
2 organizations related to mental health, substance abuse and trauma;

3 2. Information about the impact trauma and adverse childhood
4 experiences can have on a student's ability to learn;

5 3. The availability of mental health evaluation and treatment
6 available by telemedicine; ~~and~~

7 4. Information about evidence-based strategies for prevention
8 of at-risk behaviors; and

9 5. Information about violence de-escalation including but not
10 limited to:

11 a. training in evidence-based, trauma-informed teaching
12 involving brain research including trauma's impact on
13 development and triggers,

14 b. procedures for setting up and maintaining a safe
15 environment through self-regulation practices for both
16 students and staff, and

17 c. establishing and reviewing trauma-informed response
18 protocol for the classroom and school to address
19 behavior with positive and compassionate approaches.

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

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