

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 2547

By: Stinson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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