

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1628

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the governing bodies of certain schools to adopt certain policy regarding Internet access on certain devices; providing for contents of policy; directing the State Department of Education to prepare and post on its website certain information; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-106.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district board of education or governing board of a public charter school or public virtual charter school that provides electronic devices to students shall adopt a policy regarding student Internet access on the devices at school and at home.

B. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection A of this section may include:

1        1. A requirement for a student and his or her parent or legal  
2 guardian to enter into an acceptable user policy, which sets forth  
3 rules and responsibilities regarding Internet use through school  
4 equipment;

5        2. The required use by the school district or charter school of  
6 computer-related or Internet service provider technology designed to  
7 block access or exposure to certain materials while the electronic  
8 device is being used on school premises; and

9        3. A provision allowing a parent or legal guardian of a student  
10 in kindergarten through eighth grade to install their own computer-  
11 related or Internet service provider technology to block access or  
12 exposure to certain materials while the electronic device is being  
13 used off of school premises.

14        C. The State Department of Education shall prepare and post on  
15 its website information that may be used by schools subject to the  
16 provisions of subsection A of this section that includes the  
17 following:

18        1. Resources available to parents and legal guardians who are  
19 seeking information regarding safeguards and Internet filters for  
20 electronic devices;

21        2. The potential use of electronic devices to engage in  
22 bullying as defined by Section 24-100.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
23 Statutes; and  
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1        3. The dangers of Internet interaction between students and  
2 strangers.

3        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

4        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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