

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 175 By: Floyd of the Senate
3 and
4 McEntire of the House
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6 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 24-100.7, which relates to suicide awareness
8 and drug abuse policies; naming act Evan's Law;
9 providing short title; directing certain training to
be provided at minimum frequency; updating statutory
language; providing an effective date; and declaring
an emergency.

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14 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthors: Swope, Hefner and
15 Pittman

16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
17 and insert:

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19 "An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
20 Section 24-100.7, as amended by Section 7, Chapter
21 15, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 24-
22 100.7), which relates to suicide awareness and drug
23 abuse policies; requiring suicide awareness and
prevention training be provided at minimum frequency;
updating statutory language; providing an effective
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-100.7, as
3 amended by Section 7, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023,
4 Section 24-100.7), is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 24-100.7 A. The board of education of each school
6 district in this state shall adopt a policy regarding suicide
7 awareness and training, requiring staff training and the reporting
8 of student drug abuse.

9 B. The board of education of each school district in this state
10 shall provide training to all staff members in their first year
11 employed by the school district, and then no less than once every
12 fifth academic year, addressing suicide awareness and prevention.
13 The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall
14 make available to school ~~districts~~ districts' curriculum for staff
15 which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without cost to
16 the school districts. The course outline for the curriculum shall
17 be made available to the public online through the school district
18 website. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, every school
19 district shall:

20 1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes
21 as a core element evidence-based approaches;

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

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

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

11 D. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other
12 school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any
13 civil liability for:

14 1. Calling the ~~911~~ 9-1-1 emergency telephone number, law
15 enforcement or the Department of Human Services if they believe a
16 student poses a threat to themselves or others or if a student has
17 committed or been the victim of a violent act or threat of a violent
18 act;

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

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

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

6 F. The training required pursuant to this section, or the lack
7 thereof, shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

8 G. The board of education of each school district may enter
9 into agreements with designated ~~Youth Services Agencies~~ youth
10 services agencies for the provision of intervention and prevention
11 services.

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

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

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13 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-100.7, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 24-100.7. A. This act shall be known and may be cited
16 as "Evan's Law".

17 B. The board of education of each school district in this state
18 shall adopt a policy regarding suicide awareness and training,
19 requiring staff training, and the reporting of student drug abuse.

20 ~~B.~~ C. The board of education of each school district in this
21 state shall provide district-wide training to all staff on at least
22 a biennial basis addressing suicide awareness and prevention. The
23 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall make
24 available to school districts curriculum for staff which addresses

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2 districts. The course outline for the curriculum shall be made
3 available to the public online through the school district website.
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SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
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