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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 24-100.9 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Student
Digital Safety and Awareness Act".

B. Subject to the availability of funds, public school boards
of education shall adopt and implement digital safety policies to
enhance digital safety measures at school and utilize the vendor
selected pursuant to subsection E of this section to provide a

1 digital monitoring platform to ensure compliance. The policies
2 shall address the following key components:

3 1. Filtering and monitoring, which shall include implementation
4 of real-time filtering and monitoring of internet content accessed
5 by students to block harmful and inappropriate material, as well as
6 to identify potential safety threats;

7 2. Cyberbullying detection, which shall utilize digital safety
8 solutions to detect and prevent cyberbullying incidents by
9 monitoring digital communications and online interactions for signs
10 of bullying or harassment;

11 3. Self-harm and suicide prevention, which shall deploy
12 monitoring features that identify online content related to self-
13 harm or suicide, and enable timely intervention and support for at-
14 risk students;

15 4. Threat alerts, which shall identify potentially dangerous
16 activities or discussions online, and help to prevent school
17 violence and harm to students; and

18 5. Monitoring student online behavior, which shall employ
19 digital safety solutions to monitor and report online behavior of
20 students while safeguarding their privacy. The monitoring shall
21 focus on identifying potential risks, cyberbullying, self-harm
22 content, and dangerous activities. The monitoring shall be
23 conducted in English and Spanish.
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1 C. The digital safety policies adopted and implemented pursuant
2 to subsection B of this section shall:

3 1. Ensure there is strict data privacy and protection measures
4 in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Personally
5 identifiable information of students shall be safeguarded;

6 2. Incorporate transparent processes for collecting and using
7 data with informed consent from parents or guardians of students.
8 The school shall clearly communicate how data is collected and
9 utilized for digital safety purposes; and

10 3. Provide parents with the option to manage their student's
11 online activity while using school-issued devices at home.

12 D. Public school districts shall annually report to the
13 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services on the
14 effectiveness of digital safety solutions in enhancing digital
15 safety, including data on incidents prevented, interventions made,
16 and the impact on student well-being. Each school district's annual
17 report shall be published on the Department's website for public
18 access.

19 E. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall
20 issue a request for proposal to select a vendor which will develop
21 and implement the digital platform to be used by all public schools
22 to adhere to the requirements of the Student Digital Safety and
23 Awareness Act. The Department shall oversee the selected vendor to
24 ensure it is capable of meeting the requirements of the Student

1 Digital Safety and Awareness Act, the request for proposal
2 application, and any Department policies established to implement
3 the Act, including all data components, digital safety, and privacy
4 standards. The Department shall ensure all public schools comply
5 with the Student Digital Safety and Awareness Act, including
6 reviewing the schools' adopted policies and procedures and ensuring
7 adherence to digital safety and privacy standards and utilization of
8 the selected vendor.

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

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

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