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2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3277

By: Baker and **McBride** of the  
House

and

**Stanley** of the Senate

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11               [ schools - boards of education - policies - platform  
12               - data collection - report - website - State  
13               Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
14               Services - compliance - codification - effective  
15               date - emergency ]

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

19               SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100.9 of Title 70, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22               A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Student  
23 Digital Safety and Awareness Act".  
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1       B. Subject to the availability of funds, public school boards  
2 of education shall adopt and implement digital safety policies to  
3 enhance digital safety measures at school and utilize the vendor  
4 selected pursuant to subsection E of this section to provide a  
5 digital monitoring platform to ensure compliance. The policies  
6 shall address the following key components:

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

11       2. Cyberbullying detection, which shall utilize digital safety  
12 solutions to detect and prevent cyberbullying incidents by  
13 monitoring digital communications and online interactions for signs  
14 of bullying or harassment;

15       3. Self-harm and suicide prevention, which shall deploy  
16 monitoring features that identify online content related to self-  
17 harm or suicide, and enable timely intervention and support for at-  
18 risk students;

19       4. Threat alerts, which shall identify potentially dangerous  
20 activities or discussions online, and help to prevent school  
21 violence and harm to students; and

22       5. Monitoring student online behavior, which shall employ  
23 digital safety solutions to monitor and report online behavior of  
24 students while safeguarding their privacy. The monitoring shall

1 focus on identifying potential risks, cyberbullying, self-harm  
2 content, and dangerous activities. The monitoring shall be  
3 conducted in English and Spanish.

4 C. The digital safety policies adopted and implemented pursuant  
5 to subsection B of this section shall:

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

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

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

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

22 E. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall  
23 issue a request for proposal to select a vendor which will develop  
24 and implement the digital platform to be used by all public schools

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

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

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
19 02/29/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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