

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB799 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____
_____ Reading Clerk
Amendment submitted by: Daniel Pae _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

PROPOSED OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 799

By: Pederson, Bergstrom, and
Hicks of the Senate

and

Pae of the House

PROPOSED OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to students; amending Section 1, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-401), which relates to electronic or digital communications between students and school personnel; defining alternate adult; requiring written verification; requiring notice under certain circumstances; defining student; providing for inclusion of alternate adult in certain communications; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-401), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-401. A. As used in this section:

1 1. "Alternate adult" means a case manager or designated
2 employee of a homeless shelter, transitional living program, or a
3 continuum of care lead agency assigned to a student who has been
4 verified as provided for in Section 601.6d of Title 10 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes to be a homeless child or youth as defined in
6 Section 600 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The alternate
7 adult shall:

- 8 a. file the written verification provided for in Section
9 601.6d of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes with the
10 school that the student is a homeless child or youth
11 before the alternate adult shall be included in any
12 electronic or digital communications, and
13 b. promptly notify the school if the alternate adult is
14 no longer assigned to the student, the student no
15 longer meets the definition of a homeless child or
16 youth, or any other significant change in the
17 student's circumstances as a homeless child or youth.

18 Schools shall only include an alternate adult in electronic or
19 digital communications if there is no electronic or digital contact
20 information on file with the school for a parent or legal guardian;

21 2. "Electronic or digital communication" includes, but is not
22 limited to, emails, text messages, instant messages, direct
23 messages, social media messages, messages sent through software
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1 applications, and any other electronic or digital means of
2 communication; ~~and~~

3 ~~2.~~ 3. "School personnel" means teachers, coaches,
4 administrators, school bus drivers, or any other persons employed
5 full-time or part-time by a public school or charter school; and

6 4. "Student" means a person enrolled in a public school or
7 charter school in this state receiving primary or secondary
8 education to obtain a standard high school diploma or high school
9 equivalency diploma. Student does not mean a person who holds a
10 standard high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.

11 B. School personnel engaging in electronic or digital
12 communication with an individual student shall include the student's
13 parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or alternate adult in any electronic or
14 digital communication, unless such communication is on a school-
15 approved platform and related to school and academic communications.

16 C. Exceptions to the requirement in subsection B of this
17 section may be made in case of an emergency, subject to subsequent
18 notification to the parent ~~or~~, legal guardian, or alternate adult.

19 D. School personnel shall make reasonable efforts to use
20 school-approved platforms, systems, or applications that allow
21 automatic inclusion of parents ~~or~~, legal guardians, or alternate
22 adults in communications with students.

1 ~~D.~~ E. Schools shall provide training, developed by the State
2 Department of Education, for school personnel on the student
3 communication requirements of this section.

4 ~~E.~~ F. Any school personnel who is reported to be in violation
5 of subsection B of this section shall be put on administrative leave
6 while the school district investigates the incident and notifies the
7 board of education. If the investigation finds that no misconduct
8 occurred, the school personnel shall be reinstated and the incident
9 shall be noted in the school personnel's employee file. If the
10 investigation finds misconduct occurred, the school personnel shall
11 be disciplined according to the school district board of education's
12 policy, up to and including termination of employment, and the
13 incident shall be reported to law enforcement pursuant to Section
14 1210.163 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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