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3	ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2017 By: Pae of the House
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8	[electronic communications - constitutional and
9	lawful applicability - incidents of bullying - anonymous reports - immunity - notification - policy - notice of hearing - report - effective date]
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
13	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 813, is
14	amended to read as follows:
15	Section 813. Every person who willfully, in any manner,
16	advises, encourages, abets, or assists another person in taking his
17	or her own life, is guilty of aiding suicide.
18	SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1172, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	Section 1172. A. It shall be unlawful for a person who, by
21	means of a telecommunication or other electronic communication
22	device, willfully either to knowingly terrify, intimidate, threaten
23	or harass a specific person by doing any of the following:
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Makes <u>Directing</u> any comment, request, suggestion, or
 proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent <u>to</u>
 that person;

2. <u>Makes Make</u> a telecommunication, or other electronic
communication, including text, sound, or images, with intent to
terrify, intimidate or harass, or threaten to inflict injury or
physical harm to any person or property of that person;

8 3. <u>Makes Make a telecommunication</u>, or other electronic
9 communication, whether or not conversation ensues, with intent to
10 put the party called in fear of physical harm or death;

Makes a telecommunication or other electronic communication,
 including text, sound or images whether or not conversation ensues,
 without disclosing the identity of the person making the call or
 communication and with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass
 any person at the called number Otherwise disturb by repeated,
 unwanted, or unsolicited electronic communications the peace, quiet,

17 or right of privacy of the person at the place where the

18 <u>communication was received;</u>

19 5. Knowingly <u>permits</u> <u>permit</u> any telecommunication, or other 20 electronic communication, under the control of the person to be used 21 for any purpose prohibited by this section; and

6. In conspiracy or concerted action with other persons, makesrepeated calls or electronic communications or simultaneous calls or

1 electronic communications solely to harass any person at the called
2 number(s).

B. As used in this section, "telecommunication" and "electronic 3 communication" mean any type of telephonic, electronic, or radio 4 5 communications, or transmission of signs, signals, data, writings, images and sounds, or intelligence of any nature by telephone, 6 including cellular telephones, wire, cable, radio, electromagnetic, 7 photoelectronic, or photo-optical system or the creation, display, 8 9 management, storage, processing, transmission, or distribution of images, text, voice, video, or data by wire, cable, or wireless 10 means, including the Internet. The term includes: 11

12 1. A communication initiated by electronic mail, instant 13 message, network call, or facsimile machine including text, sound, 14 or images;

15 2. A communication made to a pager; or

3. A communication including text, sound, or images posted to a
social media or other public media source which is directed at a
particular person.

C. Use of a telephone or other electronic communications facility under this section shall include all use made of such a facility between the points of origin and reception. Any offense under this section is a continuing offense and shall be deemed to have been committed at either the place of origin or the place of reception.

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1 D. Except as provided in subsection E of this section, any person who is convicted of any of the provisions of subsection A of 2 this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. 3 Any person who is convicted of a second offense under this 4 Ε. 5 section shall be quilty of a felony. F. This section does not apply to constitutionally protected 6 speech or activity or to any other activity authorized by law. 7 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1953, is 8 9 amended to read as follows: Section 1953. A. It shall be unlawful to: 10 1. Willfully, and without authorization, gain or attempt to 11 12 gain access to and damage, modify, alter, delete, destroy, copy, make use of, use malicious computer programs on, disclose or take 13 possession of a computer, computer system, computer network, data or 14 any other property; 15 2. Use a computer, computer system, computer network or any 16 other property as hereinbefore defined for the purpose of devising 17 or executing a scheme or artifice with the intent to defraud, 18 deceive, extort or for the purpose of controlling or obtaining 19 money, property, data, services or other thing of value by means of 20 a false or fraudulent pretense or representation; 21 3. Willfully exceed the limits of authorization and damage, 22 modify, alter, destroy, copy, delete, disclose or take possession of 23

1 a computer, computer system, computer network, data or any other
2 property;

4. Willfully and without authorization, gain or attempt to gain
access to a computer, computer system, computer network, data or any
other property;

6 5. Willfully and without authorization use or cause to be used7 computer services;

6. Willfully and without authorization disrupt or cause the disruption of computer services or deny or cause the denial of access or other computer services to an authorized user of a computer, computer system or computer network, other than an authorized entity acting for a legitimate business purpose with the effective consent of the owner;

14 7. Willfully and without authorization provide or assist in 15 providing a means of accessing a computer, computer system, data or 16 computer network in violation of this section;

17 8. Willfully use a computer, computer system, or computer
18 network, or other electronic device or system to annoy, abuse,
19 threaten, or harass another person;

9. Willfully use a computer, computer system, or computer
 network, or other electronic device or system to put another person
 in fear of physical harm or death; and

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10. Willfully solicit another, regardless of any financial
 consideration or exchange of property, of any acts described in
 paragraphs 1 through 9 of this subsection.

B. Any person convicted of violating paragraph 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9
or 10 of subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a felony
punishable as provided in Section 1955 of this title.

7 C. Any person convicted of violating paragraph 4, 5 or 8 of
8 subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

9 D. Nothing in the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act shall be 10 construed to prohibit the monitoring of computer usage of, or the 11 denial of computer or Internet access to, a child by a parent, legal 12 guardian, legal custodian, or foster parent. As used in this 13 subsection, "child" shall mean any person less than eighteen (18) 14 years of age.

E. Nothing in the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act shall be construed to prohibit testing by an authorized entity, the purpose of which is to provide to the owner or operator of the computer, computer system or computer network an evaluation of the security of the computer, computer system or computer network against real or imagined threats or harms.

21 <u>F. Nothing in the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act shall be</u> 22 <u>construed to apply to constitutionally protected speech or activity</u> 23 <u>or to any other activity authorized by law.</u>

1SECTION 4.AMENDATORY70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-100.3, is2amended to read as follows:

3 Section 24-100.3. A. As used in the School Safety and Bullying 4 Prevention Act:

5 1. "Bullying" means any pattern of harassment, intimidation, threatening behavior, physical acts, or verbal or electronic 6 communication directed toward a student or group of students that 7 results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent 8 9 to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted 10 individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education 11 12 of any student;

13 2. "At school" "On school premises" means on school grounds, in 14 school vehicles, at school-sponsored activities, or at school-15 sanctioned events;

16 3. "Electronic communication" means the communication of any 17 written, verbal, <u>or</u> pictorial information or video content by means 18 of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, 19 a mobile or cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunication 20 device, or a computer; and

4. "Threatening behavior" means any pattern of behavior or
isolated action, whether or not it is directed at another person,
that a reasonable person would believe indicates potential for
future harm to students, school personnel, or school property.

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B. Nothing in this act Section 24-100.1 et seq. of this title
 shall be construed to impose a specific liability on any school
 district.

4 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-100.4, as
5 amended by Section 6, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024,
6 Section 24-100.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-100.4. A. Each school district board of education shall adopt a policy for the discipline of all children attending public school in that district, and for the investigation of reported incidents of bullying. The policy shall provide options for the discipline of the students and shall define standards of conduct to which students are expected to conform. The policy shall:

Specifically address bullying by students at school on
 <u>school premises</u> and by electronic communication, if the
 communication is specifically directed at students or school
 personnel and concerns bullying at school is communicated in such a
 <u>way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission</u>
 or the education of any student;

Contain a procedure for reporting <u>a student</u>, <u>a school</u>
 <u>employee</u>, <u>a school volunteer</u>, <u>or a parent or legal guardian to</u>
 <u>report</u> an act of bullying to a school official or law enforcement
 agency_r including a provision that permits a person to report an act

anonymously. No formal disciplinary action shall be taken solely on
 the basis of an anonymous report;

3. Contain a requirement that any school employee that has 3 reliable information that would lead a reasonable person to suspect 4 5 that a person is a target of bullying shall immediately report it to the principal or a designee of the principal. A school employee, 6 school volunteer, a student, or the parent or legal guardian of a 7 student who promptly reports in good faith an incident of bullying 8 9 to a school official and who makes the report in compliance with the provisions of this section shall be immune from a cause of action 10 for damages arising out of the reporting itself or any failure to 11 12 remedy the reported incident of bullying;

4. Contain a statement of how the policy is to be publicizedincluding a requirement that:

- an annual written notice of the policy be provided to 15 a. parents, legal guardians, staff, volunteers, and 16 students, with age-appropriate language for students, 17 notice of the policy be posted at various locations b. 18 within each school site \overline{r} including, but not limited 19 to, cafeterias, school bulletin boards, and 20 administration offices, 21
- c. the policy be posted on the Internet website for the
 school district and each school site that has an
 Internet website, and

1 d. the policy be included in all student and employee handbooks;

Require that appropriate school district personnel involved 3 5. in investigating reports of bullying make a determination regarding 4 5 whether the conduct is actually occurring;

6. Contain a procedure and requirement for providing 6 notification to the parents or legal guardians of the reported 7 victim of bullying and the parents or legal guardians of the 8 9 reported perpetrator of the bullying within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the report of bullying and providing timely 10 notification to the parents or legal guardians of a victim of 11 12 documented and verified bullying and to the parents or legal 13 guardians of the perpetrator of the documented and verified bullying; provided, if a student expresses suicidal thoughts or 14 intentions or encourages another student to commit suicide, the 15 parents or legal guardians of the student(s) shall be notified 16 immediately; 17

Identify by job title the school official responsible for 18 7. enforcing the policy at each school site within a school district; 19

8. Contain procedures for reporting to law enforcement all 20 documented and verified acts of bullying which may constitute 21 criminal activity or reasonably have the potential to endanger 22 school safety; 23

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9. Require training for administrators and school employees, including school resource officers, as developed and provided by the State Department of Education in preventing, identifying, responding to, and reporting incidents of bullying. The training shall be completed the first year an administrator or school employee is employed by a school district, and then once every fifth academic year;

8 10. Provide for an educational program as designed and 9 developed by the State Department of Education and in consultation 10 with the Office of Juvenile Affairs for students and parents in 11 preventing, identifying, responding to and reporting incidents of 12 bullying;

13 11. Establish a procedure for referral of a person who commits 14 an act of bullying to a delinquency prevention and diversion program 15 administered by the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

16 12. Address prevention by providing:

a. consequences and remedial action for a person whocommits an act of bullying,

b. consequences and remedial action for a student found to have falsely accused another as a means of retaliation, reprisal, or as a means of bullying, and c. a strategy for providing counseling or referral to appropriate services, including guidance, academic

intervention, and other protection for students, both

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- 1targets and perpetrators, and family members affected2by bullying, as necessary;
 - 13. Establish a procedure for:

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- a. the investigation, determination, and documentation of
 all incidents of bullying reported to school
 officials,
- b. identifying the principal or a designee of the
 principal as the person responsible for investigating
 incidents of bullying,
- 10 c. reporting the number of incidents of bullying, and
- d. determining the severity of the incidents and their
 potential to result in future violence;

13 14. Establish a procedure whereby, upon completing an 14 investigation of bullying, a school may recommend that available 15 community mental health care, substance abuse or other counseling 16 options be provided to the student, if appropriate; and

15. Establish a procedure whereby a school may request the 17 disclosure of any information concerning students who have received 18 mental health, substance abuse, or other care pursuant to paragraph 19 14 of this subsection that indicates an explicit threat to the 20 safety of students or school personnel, provided the disclosure of 21 the information does not violate the requirements and provisions of 22 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Health 23 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Section 2503 24

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 the Oklahoma Statutes, or any other state or federal laws regarding
 the disclosure of confidential information; and

4 <u>16. Contain a statement prohibiting retaliation against a</u>
5 <u>school employee who notifies the district board of education or the</u>
6 <u>State Department of Education of noncompliance with the provisions</u>
7 of this section.

B. <u>1.</u> In developing the policy, the district board of
education shall make an effort to involve the teachers, parents,
administrators, school staff, school volunteers, community
representatives, local law enforcement agencies, and students.

12 2. Before adopting the policy required by this section or any modifications to the policy, the district board of education shall 13 hold at least one public hearing on the proposed policy or 14 modifications to the policy. The public hearing may be held as part 15 of a regularly scheduled board meeting. The district board of 16 education shall provide notice of the public hearing to students and 17 the parents or legal guardians of students using social media and at 18 least one other communication method regularly used by the board of 19 20 education.

21 <u>3. Within thirty (30) days of approving the policy required by</u> 22 <u>this section or any modifications, the district board of education</u> 23 shall submit a copy to the State Department of Education.

<u>4.</u> The students, teachers, and parents or <u>guardian legal</u> <u>guardians</u> of every child residing within a school district shall be notified by the district board of education of its adoption of the policy and shall receive a copy upon request. The school district policy shall be implemented in a manner that is ongoing throughout the school year and is integrated with other violence prevention efforts.

8 C. The teacher of a child attending a public school shall have 9 the same right as a parent or <u>legal</u> guardian to control and 10 discipline such child according to district policies during the time 11 the child is in attendance or in transit to or from the school or 12 any other school function authorized by the school district or 13 classroom presided over by the teacher.

Except concerning students on individualized education plans D. 14 (IEP) pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 15 (IDEA), P.L. No. 101-476, the State Board of Education shall not 16 have authority to prescribe student disciplinary policies for school 17 districts or to proscribe corporal punishment in the public schools. 18 The State Board of Education shall not have authority to require 19 school districts to file student disciplinary action reports more 20 often than once each year and shall not use disciplinary action 21 reports in determining a school district's or school site's 22 eligibility for program assistance including competitive grants. 23

E. The board of education of each school district in this state shall have the option of adopting a dress code for students enrolled in the school district. The board of education of a school district shall also have the option of adopting a dress code which includes school uniforms.

F. The board of education of each school district in this state
shall have the option of adopting a procedure that requires students
to perform campus-site service for violating the district's policy.

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G. The State Board of Education shall:

Promulgate rules for periodically monitoring school
 districts for compliance with this section and providing sanctions
 for noncompliance with this section;

2. Establish and maintain a central repository for the
 collection of information regarding documented and verified
 incidents of bullying; and

3. Publish a report annually on the State Department of
Education website regarding the number of documented and verified
incidents of bullying in the public schools in the state.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS April 17, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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