

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1892

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 24-159), which relates to adoption of mental health crisis protocols; removing language directing certain survey to be included in certain review process; updating statutory language; updating statutory references; repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-158, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 24-158), which relates to the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment Survey; 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 281, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 24-159), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-159. A. Each public school district shall maintain a protocol for responding to students in mental health crisis with the goal of preventing student suicide, self-harm, and harm to others.

1. The protocol shall be developed, maintained, and implemented in partnership with one or more local mental health treatment

1 providers certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance  
2 Abuse Services. At least one provider partner shall have:

- 3 a. the ability to serve all school-aged children  
4 regardless of insurance status, and
- 5 b. the ability and certification to provide mental health  
6 crisis services in the region where students attend  
7 school.

8 2. Any organization certified by the state as a community  
9 mental health center as defined in Section 3-302 of Title 43A of the  
10 Oklahoma Statutes or a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic  
11 shall serve as a school partner if requested by a school district  
12 located in its state-designated service area.

13 B. The protocol for responding to mental health crises shall,  
14 at a minimum:

15 1. Provide a definition of mental health crisis involving  
16 potential for harm to self or others;

17 2. Document how mental health crises may be identified by  
18 school administrators, teachers, support employees, and school-based  
19 mental health professionals;

20 3. Outline nonpunitive steps to safeguard student health and  
21 safety in response to an immediate or potential mental health  
22 crisis;

1 4. Identify local treatment providers and resources available  
2 to support students and families in mental health crisis and ensure  
3 appropriate referrals to treatment;

4 5. Outline a process for ensuring parent and caregiver  
5 notification and involvement during an actual or potential mental  
6 health crisis; and

7 6. Document how student privacy will be protected in compliance  
8 with applicable state and federal laws.

9 C. If a student who is under eighteen (18) years of age is  
10 identified as being in or at risk of a mental health crisis, the  
11 school district shall inform the parent or legal guardian of the  
12 student and offer the treatment referral information contained in  
13 the protocol. Parent or legal guardian consent shall be required  
14 for any subsequent action taken by the school as part of the  
15 protocol except in cases of immediate and life-threatening danger to  
16 self or others.

17 D. All protocols developed by school districts and partner  
18 organizations shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and  
19 Accountability Act ~~(HIPAA)~~ of 1996 (HIPAA) and Family Educational  
20 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) privacy requirements.

21 E. School administrators, teachers, support employees, and  
22 school-based mental health providers shall be provided ready access  
23 to and regular training on the protocol.  
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1 F. A working agreement shall be signed by the school district  
2 board of education and each identified mental health provider  
3 partner outlining all obligations of the parties under the  
4 established protocol and a strategy for regularly reviewing its  
5 effectiveness using anonymous, nonidentifiable data.

6 G. Not less than every two (2) years, the school district and  
7 its mental health provider partners shall jointly review the  
8 protocol and working agreements and consider any updates necessary  
9 to better meet the needs of students. ~~School districts and mental~~  
10 ~~health provider partners shall include in their review process~~  
11 ~~information gathered from the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment~~  
12 ~~Survey or an alternative survey, as provided for in Section 24-158~~  
13 ~~of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

14 H. Each school district shall submit the latest protocol and  
15 working agreements to the State Department of Education, which shall  
16 share the protocols and agreements with the Department of Mental  
17 Health and Substance Abuse Services. ~~These~~ The agencies may require  
18 revisions to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations,  
19 and established evidence-based practices.

20 I. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
21 and the State Department of Education shall provide technical  
22 assistance to school districts and their provider partners by:

23 1. Making available an optional template protocol which  
24 satisfies the provisions of this section;

1       2. Making available an optional template working agreement  
2 which can be adopted by schools and provider partners;

3       3. Providing school districts with lists of local public and  
4 private treatment providers eligible to serve as partners in the  
5 development and maintenance of a protocol;

6       4. Providing information on any available mental health crisis  
7 phone line;

8       5. Making available information on evidence-based practices for  
9 meeting the mental health needs of students; and

10      6. Providing ongoing assistance and consultation as requested  
11 by a school district.

12      J. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and  
13 the State Board of Education may promulgate rules as necessary to  
14 ensure compliance with this section.

15      K. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create,  
16 establish, expand, reduce, contract, or eliminate any civil  
17 liability on the part of any school or school employee.

18      SECTION 2.       REPEALER       70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-158, as  
19 amended by Section 2, Chapter 281, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
20 Section 24-158), is hereby repealed.

21      SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

22      SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
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