

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 175

By: Floyd of the Senate

and

McEntire, Swope, Hefner,
and Pittman of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-100.7, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 24-100.7), which relates to suicide awareness and drug abuse policies; requiring suicide awareness and prevention training be provided at minimum frequency; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: School policies

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-100.7, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 24-100.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-100.7. A. The board of education of each school district in this state shall adopt a policy regarding suicide awareness and training, requiring staff training and the reporting of student drug abuse.

B. The board of education of each school district in this state shall provide training to all staff members in their first year employed by the school district, and then no less than once every fifth academic year, addressing suicide awareness and prevention. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall make available to school ~~districts~~ districts' curriculum for staff which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without cost to the school districts. The course outline for the curriculum shall

be made available to the public online through the school district website. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, every school district shall:

1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes as a core element evidence-based approaches;

2. Provide the curriculum made available by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; or

3. Provide a suicide prevention training program that is selected by the school district from a list maintained by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to school district staff that addresses suicide awareness and prevention. The training program may be combined with any other training provided by the school district addressing bullying prevention.

C. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the board of education of each school district may provide training to address suicide awareness and prevention to students in grades seven through twelve.

D. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators and other school personnel shall be immune from employment discipline and any civil liability for:

1. Calling the ~~911~~ 9-1-1 emergency telephone number, law enforcement or the Department of Human Services if they believe a student poses a threat to themselves or others or if a student has committed or been the victim of a violent act or threat of a violent act;

2. Providing referral, emergency medical care or other assistance offered in good faith to a student or other youth; or

3. Communicating information in good faith concerning drug or alcohol abuse or a potential safety threat by or to any student to the parents or legal guardians of the student, law enforcement officers or health care providers.

E. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the

implementation of this section or resulting from any training, or lack thereof, required by this section, unless the loss or damage was caused by willful or wanton misconduct.

F. The training required pursuant to this section, or the lack thereof, shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care.

G. The board of education of each school district may enter into agreements with designated ~~Youth Services Agencies~~ youth services agencies for the provision of intervention and prevention services.

H. Teachers, counselors, principals, administrators or other school personnel, upon determining that a student is at risk of attempting suicide, shall notify the parents or legal guardians of the student immediately upon determining that such risk exists.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 21st day of May, 2024.

Wacey Jackson
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

Rob Hitt
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 22

day of May, 20 24, at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

By: *Levi Glodell*

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 23

day of May, 20 24, at 9:47 o'clock a. M.

[Signature]
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 23rd

day of May, 20 24, at 1:45 o'clock P. M.

By: *[Signature]*