

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 266

By: Ikley-Freeman of the Senate

3 and

4 McEntire of the House

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6 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
7 Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section  
8 24-100.7), which relates to suicide awareness and  
9 drug abuse policies; requiring rather than allowing  
10 the school district boards of education to adopt  
11 certain policy; requiring rather than allowing boards  
12 of education to provide certain training; requiring  
13 school districts to provide certain training and  
14 curriculum beginning in certain school year; and  
15 declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L.  
18 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 24-100.7), is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 Section 24-100.7. A. The board of education of each school  
21 district in this state ~~may~~ shall adopt a policy regarding suicide  
22 awareness and training and the reporting of student drug abuse.

23 B. The board of education of each school district in this state  
24 ~~may~~ shall provide schoolwide training to all students in grades  
seven through twelve and staff addressing suicide awareness and  
prevention. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
Services shall develop and make available to school districts

1 curriculum which addresses suicide awareness and prevention, without  
2 cost to the school districts. The course outline for the curriculum  
3 shall be made available to the public online through the school  
4 district website. Beginning with the ~~2014-2015~~ 2019-2020 school  
5 year, every school district ~~may~~ shall:

6 1. Provide a suicide prevention training program which includes  
7 as a core element research-based approaches and that is developed by  
8 the school district;

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           D. No person shall have a cause of action for any loss or  
8 damage caused by any act or omission resulting from the  
9 implementation of this section or resulting from any training, or  
10 lack thereof, required by this section, unless the loss or damage  
11 was caused by willful or wanton misconduct.

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

14           F. School districts may enter into agreements with designated  
15 Youth Services Agencies for the provision of intervention and  
16 prevention services.

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

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

