

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 1068

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 24-100.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter  
9 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 24-  
10 100.3), which relates to the School Safety and  
11 Bullying Prevention Act; modifying bullying  
12 definition; adding term; and providing an effective  
13 date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-100.3, as  
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
17 Section 24-100.3), is amended to read as follows:

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

20 1. "Bullying" means any ~~pattern of~~ harassment, intimidation,  
21 ~~threatening behavior, physical acts, verbal~~ or unwanted, threatening  
22 or aggressive behavior committed in person or by electronic  
23 communication directed toward a student or group of students that  
24 ~~results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent~~  
~~to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted~~

1 ~~individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt~~  
2 ~~or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education~~  
3 ~~of any student~~ involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is  
4 repeated or is highly likely to be repeated. Bullying actions shall  
5 include but not be limited to making threats, spreading rumors,  
6 attacking someone physically or verbally and excluding someone from  
7 a group as a means of causing harm;

8 2. "Power imbalance" means the attempt by a perpetrator to use  
9 observed or perceived personal or situational characteristics to  
10 exert control over a targeted student's behavior or limit a victim's  
11 ability to respond or stop the aggression;

12 3. "At school" means on school grounds, in school vehicles, at  
13 school-sponsored activities, or at school-sanctioned events;

14 ~~3.~~ 4. "Electronic communication" means the communication of any  
15 written, verbal, pictorial information or video content by means of  
16 an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, a  
17 mobile or cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunication  
18 device, or a computer; and

19 ~~4.~~ 5. "Threatening behavior" means any pattern of behavior or  
20 isolated action, whether or not it is directed at another person,  
21 that a reasonable person would believe indicates potential for  
22 future harm to students, school personnel, or school property.

23 B. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impose a specific  
24 liability on any school district.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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