

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

By: Pae of the House

and

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11 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
12 Section 24-100.3, as amended by Section 2, Chapter
13 311, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 24-
14 100.3), which relates to the School Safety and
 Bullying Prevention Act; modifying bullying
 definition; adding term; and providing an effective
 date.

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

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

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

23 1. "Bullying" means any ~~pattern of~~ harassment, intimidation,
24 ~~threatening behavior, physical acts, verbal or~~ unwanted, threatening

1 or aggressive behavior committed in person or by electronic
2 communication directed toward a student or group of students that
3 ~~results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent~~
4 ~~to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted~~
5 ~~individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt~~
6 ~~or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education~~
7 ~~of any student~~ involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is
8 repeated or creates the fear it will be repeated. Bullying actions
9 shall include but not be limited to making threats, spreading
10 rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally and excluding
11 someone from a group as a means of causing harm;

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

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

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

23 ~~4.~~ 5. "Threatening behavior" means any pattern of behavior or
24 isolated action, whether or not it is directed at another person,

1 that a reasonable person would believe indicates potential for
2 future harm to students, school personnel, or school property.

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

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

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/13/2019
8 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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