

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 1568

By: Boatman, Randleman,
Phillips, Pae and
Rosecrants of the House

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7 Haste of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 [schools - creating Maria's Law - adding mental
12 health instruction to health education - codification
- effective date]

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.9b of Title 70, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Maria's
20 Law".

21 B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the State Board of
22 Education shall require that all schools, as part of any health
23 education curriculum, include instruction in mental health, with an
24 emphasis on the interrelation of physical and mental well-being.

1 C. In consultation with the Department of Mental Health and
2 Substance Abuse Services, the Board shall revise the Oklahoma
3 Academic Standards for Health and Physical Education to include a
4 focus on mental health and develop a list of age-appropriate
5 resources for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The
6 standards and resources shall be available on the website of the
7 State Department of Education.

8 D. School districts may enter into agreements with nonprofit
9 entities and other community partners to assist with or to provide
10 mental health education to students pursuant to this section if the
11 nonprofits and community partners are approved by the State
12 Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health and
13 Substance Abuse Services.

14 E. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions
15 of this section.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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