

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1568

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

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5 Haste of the Senate
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8 [schools - creating Maria's Law - adding mental
9 health instruction to health education curriculum -
10 effective date]
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

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

23 C. The Board shall collaborate with the Department of Mental
24 Health and Substance Abuse Services to adopt standards and approve

1 age-appropriate curriculum options for students in grades
2 kindergarten through twelve. The standards and curriculum lists
3 shall be available on the website of the State Department of
4 Education.

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

11 E. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions
12 of this section.

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

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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