

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1027

By: Ranson and Fugate of the  
House

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4 Stanley of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
8 Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
9 6-194.3), which relates to mental health needs of  
10 students; including information about violence de-  
escalation in certain information made available to  
school districts; specifying topics to be included;  
and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 286, O.S.L.  
15 2019 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6-194.3), is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 Section 6-194.3 A. The State Department of Education and the  
18 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in  
19 consultation with school district superintendents and school  
20 district boards of education, shall develop and make available to  
21 school districts information, training and resources to help school  
22 employees recognize and address the mental health needs of students.

23 B. The information made available to school districts shall  
24 include but not be limited to:

1 1. Information about the services provided by community-based  
2 organizations related to mental health, substance abuse and trauma;

3 2. Information about the impact trauma and adverse childhood  
4 experiences can have on a student's ability to learn;

5 3. The availability of mental health evaluation and treatment  
6 available by telemedicine; ~~and~~

7 4. Information about evidence-based strategies for prevention  
8 of at-risk behaviors; and

9 5. Information about violence de-escalation including but not  
10 limited to:

11 a. training in evidence-based, trauma-informed teaching  
12 involving brain research including trauma's impact on  
13 development and triggers,

14 b. procedures for setting up and maintaining a safe  
15 environment through self-regulation practices for both  
16 students and staff, and

17 c. establishing and reviewing trauma-informed response  
18 protocol for the classroom and school to address  
19 behavior with positive and compassionate approaches.

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