

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1612

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining
8 certain terms; providing certain services for
9 individuals with traumatic brain injury; requiring
10 TBI Raiders to provide certain services; creating the
11 TBI Raiders Advisory Council; providing funding for
12 certain scholarship; providing for codification; and
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-291.7 of Title 63, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 As defined in this act:

19 1. "Traumatic brain injury (TBI)" means a nondegenerative,
20 noncongenital insult to the brain from an external mechanical force,
21 possibly leading to permanent or temporary impairment of cognitive,
22 physical and psychosocial functions, with an associated diminished
23 or altered state of consciousness;

24 2. "TBI Raiders" means an online club for students and young
adults who have sustained a traumatic brain injury which creates a

1 unit where there was none for survivors to unite and help each other
2 succeed, showing other survivors that what they once thought was
3 impossible can turn into a goal that can be accomplished;

4 3. "TBI's Corner" means a source that explains traumatic brain
5 injury and how it affects every group of individuals, teens and
6 adults. It will further provide answers and resources to those who
7 want to learn more about the disability and find organizations and
8 businesses that can better assist those affected by TBI. Its
9 primary focus is to emphasize an individual's reentry to school;

10 4. "Members of TBI Raiders" means a place in which the
11 volunteers with and without a TBI can come relax, build an online
12 resume, and highlight and empower the volunteer service and the
13 community work in which individuals who have a traumatic brain
14 injury engage actively. Its primary focus is to emphasize an
15 individual's reentry to the workforce; and

16 5. "Survive to Vote" means an effort that was begun in 2005
17 with the purpose of getting issues important to the disability
18 community out not just in the time of election but out to those who
19 are presently in office working to represent everyone. It is about
20 ensuring elected officials show equal representation not only for
21 those who do not have disabilities but also those who do.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-291.8 of Title 63, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. An application for an identification card for survivors once
2 they sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) shall be given to the
3 family of the TBI survivor when he or she leaves the hospital.

4 B. Every survivor shall be provided an individual plan for
5 rehabilitation and reintegration.

6 C. Students living with and without disabilities as well as
7 young adults who have sustained a traumatic brain injury shall
8 assist with helping veterans with TBI.

9 D. The TBI Raiders shall monitor and assist by:

10 1. Serving as a portal for the Pediatric Brain Injury
11 Conference committee along with the Secondary and Postsecondary
12 State Departments to work together to see that students who have
13 sustained a TBI get an equal chance like their peers without
14 disabilities in succeeding in school;

15 2. Providing a smooth transition from high school to college;

16 3. Providing a scholarship for students and young adults living
17 with TBI who wish to enter college;

18 4. Providing employment to students with TBI in college through
19 members of TBI Raiders;

20 5. Encouraging students with TBI to create and build their own
21 online resumes;

22 6. Participating in monthly meetings where the students and
23 young adults would be planning and building up the programs for TBI
24 Raiders;

1 7. Providing reports every semester to the Oklahoma Legislature
2 on the successes and failures they have seen in the school with
3 helping students with TBI;

4 8. Providing seminars to young adults living with disabilities
5 to help them learn how to speak up and how laws are created and
6 passed; and

7 9. Creating the *s-2-v.yolasite.com* website to serve as an
8 online forum for TBI survivors to have their issues heard.

9 E. A TBI information packet shall be given to the family of the
10 TBI survivor in rehabilitation.

11 F. The TBI Raiders Advisory Council is hereby created which
12 shall oversee the implementation of this act. The advisory council
13 shall consist of an executive director, a representative of the
14 Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, a representative of the Brain
15 Injury Association of Oklahoma, an individual representing veterans,
16 a representative of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation
17 Services, a state representative, a state senator and a doctor who
18 provides rehabilitative services.

19 G. 1. The funding for a TBI scholarship shall initially come
20 from the six TBI Raiders stores.

21 2. In addition, ten cents (\$0.10) shall be received from
22 penalty assessments on infractions such as driving under the
23 influence, speeding, reckless driving, accidents causing bodily
24 injury or death, violations of child safety restraint laws and

1 helmet laws, surcharges on motorcycle or motor vehicle license tag
2 fees, surcharges on vehicle registration fees and driver license
3 reinstatement fees.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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