

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE BILL 1121

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to schools; requiring certain schools
7 and institutions of higher education to disseminate
8 certain historic proclamations; providing
9 proclamations to be disseminated; providing for
10 manner of dissemination; providing for codification;
11 providing an effective date; and declaring an
12 emergency.

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 11-112 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Each school district, public charter school, virtual charter
18 school, career and technology school, and institution of higher
19 education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall
20 disseminate historic proclamations regarding the Thanksgiving
21 holiday. The proclamations shall include:

22 1. The Proclamation by the Continental Congress for a day of
23 Thanksgiving on December 18, 1777;

24 2. The First Presidential Prayer Proclamation issued by George
Washington for November 26, 1789;

1 3. The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by President Franklin
2 D. Roosevelt for November 23, 1944;

3 4. The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by Ronald Reagan for
4 November 28, 1985; and

5 5. The Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by the Mayor of
6 Oklahoma City Sidney Clarke for November 28, 1889.

7 B. The proclamations included in subsection A of this act may
8 be disseminated to students in the following manner:

9 1. One proclamation may be read to students in the classroom or
10 at a school assembly each of the five days leading up to
11 Thanksgiving and prior to a school's holiday break;

12 2. Proclamations may be printed and distributed to students
13 each of the five days leading up to Thanksgiving and prior to a
14 school's holiday break; or

15 3. Proclamations may be emailed to students each of the five
16 days leading up to Thanksgiving and prior to a school's holiday
17 break.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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