

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 14, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 198

5 By: Standridge

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7 **[ social media - social networking and social media**  
8 **policy and standards - guidelines - codification -**  
9 **effective date ]**

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-8.1 of Title 74, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 Social Networking and Social Media Policy and Standards

16 A. All state agencies and all political subdivisions of this  
17 state, shall adopt a social networking and social media policy that  
18 shall apply to the personal use of social media by state employees  
19 and employees of any political subdivision of this state to  
20 discourage abusive or offensive online behavior.

21 For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall  
22 apply:

23 a. "social networking" or "social media" means  
24 interaction with external websites or services based

1 upon participant contributions to the content. Types  
2 of social media include social and professional  
3 networks, blogs, micro blogs, video or photo sharing,  
4 and social bookmarking, and

5 b. "comment" means a response to an article or social  
6 media content submitted by a commenter.

7 B. The social media and social networking policy developed by  
8 each agency and political subdivision of this state utilizing the  
9 guidelines established in this section shall apply to all state  
10 employees and employees of any political subdivision of this state  
11 who utilize social media or social networking networks in a private  
12 capacity and for work purposes.

13 C. Social media and social networking policies developed by  
14 each agency and political subdivision of this state shall discourage  
15 the sharing of content or comments by state employees and employees  
16 of any political subdivision of this state containing the following,  
17 when it is directed at a citizen of the State of Oklahoma:

- 18 a. obscene sexual content or links to obscene sexual  
19 content,  
20 b. abusive behavior and bullying language or tone,  
21 c. conduct or encouragement of illegal activity,  
22 d. intentionally dishonest conduct that could potentially  
23 result in harm to a citizen of this state, and  
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1 e. disclosure of information which an agency and its  
2 employees are required to keep confidential by law,  
3 regulation or internal policy.

4 D. Social media and social networking policies developed by  
5 each state agency and political subdivision of this state in  
6 accordance with the requirements established in this section shall  
7 be distributed to each affected employee by email.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
10 February 14, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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