

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2019

3 SENATE BILL NO. 45

By: Sharp

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6 An Act relating to school employees; requiring school  
7 district boards of education to adopt certain code of  
8 principles; providing for contents of code; requiring  
9 a copy of the code and any amendments to be given to  
10 school employees annually; requiring the code to be  
11 included in certain handbook; allowing the code to be  
12 published on certain website; providing for  
13 codification; and 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 6-101.33 of Title 70, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Each school district board of education shall adopt a code  
19 of principles that provides guidelines for appropriate interaction  
20 between school district employees and students. The code of  
21 principles shall include, at a minimum:

22 1. Guidelines for appropriate text messaging interaction  
23 between school district employees and students;

24 2. Guidelines for appropriate social media interaction between  
school district employees and students; and

1           3. Information about the potential penalties associated with  
2 being convicted, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a  
3 plea of nolo contendere, or receiving a suspended sentence or any  
4 probationary term for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime  
5 provided for in Section 843.5 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
6 if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as those  
7 terms are defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes, Sections 741, 843.1, if the offense included sexual abuse  
9 or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 888, 891, 1021, 1021.2,  
10 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1087, 1088, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of  
11 the Oklahoma Statutes.

12           B. A copy of the code of principles developed pursuant to  
13 subsection A of this section and any amendments to the code shall be  
14 provided to each school employee annually. The code of principles  
15 shall be included in a school district's employee handbook and may  
16 be published on the district's website.

17           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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