

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1568

By: Boatman, Randleman,  
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Rosecrants of the House

and

Haste of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; creating Maria's Law; directing certain curriculum include mental health instruction beginning in certain school year; directing the State Board of Education in certain consultation to revise certain standards to include focus on mental health; directing standards and resources to be available on certain website; allowing school districts to enter into agreements with approved nonprofits and community partners; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Schools

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.9b of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Maria's Law".

B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the State Board of Education shall require that all schools, as part of any health education curriculum, include instruction in mental health, with an emphasis on the interrelation of physical and mental well-being.

C. In consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Board shall revise the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Health and Physical Education to include a focus on mental health and develop a list of age-appropriate resources for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The standards and resources shall be available on the website of the State Department of Education.

D. School districts may enter into agreements with nonprofit entities and other community partners to assist with or to provide mental health education to students pursuant to this section if the nonprofits and community partners are approved by the State Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

E. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

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