

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT: BULLYING

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Title 210: 10-1-20

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
Proposed rules implement provisions of the Oklahoma School Bullying Prevention Act, 70 O.S. § 24-100.2, et seq. Pursuant to this law, the State Board of Education shall adopt rules for monitoring school districts for compliance with this section and providing sanctions for noncompliance with this section.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**
Students enrolled in public schools and parents of students. School district officials charged with enforcing this law.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
Students enrolled in public schools and parents of students.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**
The law requires school districts to implement policies prohibiting harassment, discrimination, and bullying, and to establish specific policies. Cost associated with implementation would be limited to implementation of those policies, and cost of investigating incidents of bullying. (All of which fall within normal duties of school officials.)
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**
Not applicable. (No cost associated with implementation.) Duties fall within normal duties of existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
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- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**
Not applicable.
- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
Not applicable, as these changes have been implemented to enforce statutory provisions of 70 O.S. § 24-100.2.
- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

Not applicable.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**
Not applicable.