1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

SENATE BILL 1367 By: Ikley-Freeman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to student discipline; amending Section 8, Chapter 7, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 135, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-149.7), which relates to assault or attempted physical bodily injury on school employees; allowing rather than requiring certain students in certain grades who commit certain violations to be suspended from school; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 7, 1st

Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 135, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-149.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-149.7. A. No student enrolled in a school shall assault, attempt to cause physical bodily injury, or act in a manner that could reasonably cause bodily injury to an education employee or a person who is volunteering for the school. Any student in grades six through twelve who violates the provisions of this section shall may be subject to out-of-school suspension as provided

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for in Section 24-101.3 of this title. This section shall be in addition to and does not limit the criminal liability of a person who causes or commits an assault, battery, or assault and battery upon a school employee as provided for in Section 650.7 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. No education employee shall be liable for the use of necessary and reasonable force to control and discipline a student during the time the student is in attendance at the school or in transit to or from the school, or any other function authorized by the school district.

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

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

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