

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE BILL 1871

By: Bullard

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school curriculum; requiring
8 certain teachers who present instruction on
9 biological evolution to also provide instruction on
10 creationism and/or intelligent design; directing the
11 State Board of Education, school district boards of
12 education, charter school governing bodies, and
13 certain administrators not to prohibit teachers from
14 helping students to analyze certain scientific
15 strengths and weaknesses; providing certain
16 construction; providing for codification; providing
17 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.16 of Title 70, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. A teacher employed by a school district or a charter school
23 in this state who presents instruction to students on the concept of
24 biological evolution shall also provide instruction to students on
25 the concepts of creationism and/or intelligent design.

26 B. Neither the State Board of Education nor any school district
27 board of education, charter school governing body, or school

1 district or charter school administrator in this state shall
2 prohibit a teacher in a school district or charter school from
3 helping students understand, analyze, critique, and review in an
4 objective manner the scientific strengths and weaknesses of
5 biological evolution, creationism, or intelligent design.

6 C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
7 promote any religious or non-religious doctrine, promote
8 discrimination for or against a particular set of religious beliefs
9 or non-beliefs, or promote discrimination for or against religion or
10 non-religion.

11 D. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
12 implement the provisions of this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

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