STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 847 By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; prohibiting a school district or charter school from compelling an employee or volunteer to use certain pronoun; defining term; prohibiting certain materials or resources from referring to an individual by certain name or pronoun; providing for promulgation of rules to monitor compliance; directing state funding of a noncompliant school district or charter school to be decreased by certain percentage in certain fiscal year; creating a cause of action for certain noncompliance; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 24-162 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No school district or charter school in this state shall compel an employee or volunteer to refer to a student with a pronoun other than that which corresponds to the student's biological sex. For the purposes of this section, "biological sex" means the physical condition of being male or female based on genetics and

physiology as identified on the student's original birth certificate.

B. No print or nonprint materials or multimedia resources located in a school district or charter school classroom, library, or elsewhere on the premises of the district or charter school shall refer to an individual by a name or by a pronoun that does not correspond to the individual's biological sex.

C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for monitoring compliance with the provisions of this section. Upon a finding of noncompliance by the Board, the noncompliant school district or charter school shall receive a five percent (5%) reduction in state funding for the fiscal year following the fiscal year during which the district or charter school was noncompliant.

D. A parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in and attending a school district or charter school shall have a cause of action against the district or charter school for noncompliance with the provisions of subsections A and B of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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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