

## Oklahoma Statutes

### Title 70. Schools

#### Section 6-101.6b – Whistleblower Protection for Teachers

**This Statute Will Go Into Effect On: 11/01/17**

- A. For purpose of this section, “teacher” means the term as defined in paragraph 1 of Section 1-116 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- B. No school district shall prohibit or take disciplinary action against teachers for:
  - 1. Disclosing public information to correct what the teacher reasonably believes evidences a violation of the Oklahoma Constitution or law or a rule promulgated pursuant to law;
  - 2. Reporting a violation of the Oklahoma Constitution or state or federal law; or
  - 3. Taking any of the above actions without giving prior notice to the teacher’s supervisor or anyone else in the teacher’s chain of command.
- C. For the purposes of this section, “reporting” means providing a spoken or written account to a supervising teacher, administrator, school board member, representative from the State Department of Education, law enforcement official, district attorney and/or parent or legal guardian of a student directly impacted by the actions.
- D. Each school district shall prominently post or publish a copy of this section of law in locations where it can reasonably be expected to come to the attention of all teachers.
- E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a teacher to violate students’ or parents’ right to confidentiality and protection under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).