Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 702 modifies the Health Education Act. The measure directs health education to be limited to certain topics. It directs the State Department of Education by the 2025-2026 school year to develop standards and benchmarks for health education topics, and it removes language providing for development of a micro-credential for teachers assigned to teach health education. It removes language allowing health education to be integrated into one or more existing subjects. The bill directs the State Department of Education to review, and the State Board of Education to approve, all digital and hard copies of curricula, materials, supplementary materials, tests, surveys, and questionnaires related to health education. It requires all school districts to use Board-approved items.

The measure requires school districts by July 1, 2027, and each July 1 thereafter to submit a report to the Department describing implementation of the health instruction and curriculum. The measure directs the Board to establish a process for individuals who believe a district committed a violation of the act to submit a written complaint to the Board, and upon a finding that a violation did occur, the bill allows the Board to report the district as deficient on its accreditation report for the following year. The measure also modifies language regarding school district mental health protocols by removing language directing a school district and its mental health provider partners to jointly review protocols and working agreements and include in the review the information gathered from the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment Survey or an alternative survey. The measure repeals Maria's Law and a section of law regarding administration of the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment Survey.

Repealers: 70 O.S. Sections 11-103.9b and 24-158

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