

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 549

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending  
8 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 813 and 815, which relate to  
9 aiding suicide and aiding an attempt to commit  
10 suicide; modifying punishment for certain felony  
11 offenses; expanding applicability of certain felony  
12 offenses; making language gender neutral; amending 21  
13 O.S. 2021, Section 1172, which relates to obscene,  
14 threatening, or harassing telecommunication or other  
15 electronic communications; prohibiting certain  
16 communications through an online platform; defining  
17 term; modifying punishments for certain misdemeanor  
18 and felony offenses; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section  
19 1953, which relates to the Oklahoma Computer Crimes  
20 Act; prohibiting certain actions; creating felony  
21 offense; making language gender neutral; repealing 21  
22 O.S. 2021, Sections 817 and 818, which relate to  
23 punishment for aiding suicide and punishment for  
24 aiding an attempt at suicide; and providing an  
effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 813, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 813. ~~Every~~ A. Any person who willfully, in any manner,  
22 advises, encourages, abets, or assists another person in taking his  
23 or her own life, is shall, upon conviction, be guilty of aiding  
24 suicide of a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand

1 Dollars (\$5,000.00), imprisonment in the custody of the Department  
2 of Corrections for not less than seven (7) years, or by both such  
3 fine and imprisonment.

4 B. Any person guilty of a felony offense pursuant to Section  
5 1172 of this title that can be shown to be the proximate cause of  
6 the suicide of the victim of such offense shall, upon conviction, be  
7 guilty of an offense under subsection A of this section.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 815, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 815. ~~Every~~ A. Any person who willfully aids another in  
11 attempting to take his or her own life, in any manner ~~which by the~~  
12 ~~preceding sections~~ described in Section 813 or 814 of this title  
13 that would have amounted to aiding suicide if the person assisted  
14 had actually taken his or her own life, ~~is~~ shall, upon conviction,  
15 be guilty of aiding an attempt at suicide a felony punishable by a  
16 fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment in  
17 the custody of the Department of Corrections not to exceed two (2)  
18 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

19 B. Any person guilty of a felony offense pursuant to Section  
20 1172 of this title that can be shown to be the proximate cause of  
21 the attempted suicide of the victim of such offense shall, upon  
22 conviction, be guilty of an offense under subsection A of this  
23 section.

1 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1172, is

2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1172. A. It shall be unlawful for a person ~~who~~ to, by  
4 means of a telecommunication ~~or~~, other electronic communication  
5 device, or online platform, willfully either:

6 1. ~~Makes~~ Make any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal  
7 which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent with intent  
8 to harass or threaten to inflict injury, physical harm, or severe  
9 emotional distress to any person;

10 2. ~~Makes~~ Make a telecommunication or other electronic  
11 communication, or post on an online platform including text, sound,  
12 or images with intent to terrify, intimidate or harass, or threaten  
13 to inflict injury ~~or~~, physical harm, or severe emotional distress to  
14 any person or property of that person;

15 3. ~~Makes~~ Make a telecommunication or other electronic  
16 communication, or post on an online platform whether or not  
17 conversation ensues, with intent to put ~~the party called~~ any person  
18 in fear of physical harm or death;

19 4. ~~Makes~~ Make a telecommunication or other electronic  
20 communication, or post on an online platform including text, sound,  
21 or images whether or not conversation ensues, without disclosing the  
22 identity of the person making the call ~~or~~, communication, or post  
23 and with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any person at  
24 which the ~~called number~~ communication is directed;

1           5. Knowingly ~~permits~~ permit any telecommunication ~~or,~~ other  
2 electronic communication, or online platform account under the  
3 control of the person to be used for any purpose prohibited by this  
4 section; ~~and~~ or

5           6. In conspiracy or concerted action with other persons, ~~makes~~  
6 make repeated or simultaneous calls ~~or,~~ electronic communications,  
7 ~~or simultaneous calls or electronic communications~~ posts on an  
8 online platform solely to harass any person at the ~~called number(s)~~  
9 number or on the online platform.

10           B. As used in this section, ~~"telecommunication":~~

11           1. "Online platform" means a website or online application that  
12 is open to the public, allows a user to create an account, and  
13 enables users to communicate with other users for the primary  
14 purpose of posting information, comments, messages, or images; and

15           2. "Telecommunication" and "electronic communication" mean any  
16 type of telephonic, electronic, or radio communications, or  
17 transmission of signs, signals, data, writings, images and sounds,   
18 or intelligence of any nature by telephone, including cellular  
19 telephones, wire, cable, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or  
20 photo-optical system or the creation, display, management, storage,  
21 processing, transmission, or distribution of images, text, voice,  
22 video, or data by wire, cable, or wireless means, including the  
23 Internet. The term includes a:

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1           a.   communication initiated by electronic mail, instant  
2                   message, network call, or facsimile machine including  
3                   text, sound, or images,

4           ~~2. A~~

5           b.   communication made to a pager, or

6           ~~3. A~~

7           c.   communication including text, sound, or images posted  
8                   to a social media or other public media source.

9           C. Use of a telephone or other electronic communications  
10           facility under this section shall include all use made of such a  
11           facility between the points of origin and reception. Any offense  
12           under this section is a continuing offense and shall be deemed to  
13           have been committed at either the place of origin or the place of  
14           reception.

15           D. ~~Except as provided in subsection E of this section, any~~

16           1. Any person who is convicted of under the provisions of  
17           subsection A of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
18           punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),  
19           imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one (1) year, or by  
20           both such fine and imprisonment.

21           ~~E.~~ 2. Any person who is convicted of a second offense under the  
22           provisions of subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a  
23           felony punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars  
24           (\$1,000.00), imprisonment in the custody of the Department of

1 Corrections not to exceed two (2) years, or by both such fine and  
2 imprisonment.

3 3. Any person who is convicted of a third or subsequent offense  
4 under the provisions of subsection A of this section shall be guilty  
5 of a felony punishable by a fine not less than Five Thousand Dollars  
6 (\$5,000.00) and not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars  
7 (\$100,000.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department  
8 of Corrections not to exceed ten (10) years, or by both such fine  
9 and imprisonment.

10 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1953, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1953. A. It shall be unlawful to:

13 1. Willfully, and without authorization, gain or attempt to  
14 gain access to and damage, modify, alter, delete, destroy, copy,  
15 make use of, use malicious computer programs on, disclose or take  
16 possession of a computer, computer system, computer network, data or  
17 any other property;

18 2. Use a computer, computer system, computer network or any  
19 other property as hereinbefore defined for the purpose of devising  
20 or executing a scheme or artifice with the intent to defraud,  
21 deceive, extort or for the purpose of controlling or obtaining  
22 money, property, data, services or other thing of value by means of  
23 a false or fraudulent pretense or representation;

1 3. Willfully exceed the limits of authorization and damage,  
2 modify, alter, destroy, copy, delete, disclose or take possession of  
3 a computer, computer system, computer network, data or any other  
4 property;

5 4. Willfully and without authorization, gain or attempt to gain  
6 access to a computer, computer system, computer network, data or any  
7 other property;

8 5. Willfully and without authorization use or cause to be used  
9 computer services;

10 6. Willfully and without authorization disrupt or cause the  
11 disruption of computer services or deny or cause the denial of  
12 access or other computer services to an authorized user of a  
13 computer, computer system or computer network, other than an  
14 authorized entity acting for a legitimate business purpose with the  
15 effective consent of the owner;

16 7. Willfully and without authorization provide or assist in  
17 providing a means of accessing a computer, computer system, data or  
18 computer network in violation of this section;

19 8. Willfully use a computer, computer system, ~~or~~ computer  
20 network, or other electronic device or system to annoy, abuse,  
21 threaten, or harass another person;

22 9. Willfully use a computer, computer system, ~~or~~ computer  
23 network, or other electronic device or system to put another person  
24 in fear of physical harm or death; ~~and~~

1       10. Willfully use a computer, computer system, computer  
2 network, or other electronic device or system to encourage another  
3 person to harm himself or herself or to commit suicide; and

4       11. Willfully solicit another, regardless of any financial  
5 consideration or exchange of property, of any acts described in  
6 paragraphs 1 through ~~9~~ 10 of this subsection.

7       B. Any person convicted of violating paragraph 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9  
8 ~~or 10~~, or 11 of subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a  
9 felony punishable as provided in Section 1955 of this title.

10       C. Any person convicted of violating paragraph 4, 5 or 8 of  
11 subsection A of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

12       D. Nothing in the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act shall be  
13 construed to prohibit the monitoring of computer usage of, or the  
14 denial of computer or Internet access to, a child by a parent, legal  
15 guardian, legal custodian, or foster parent. As used in this  
16 subsection, "child" shall mean any person less than eighteen (18)  
17 years of age.

18       E. Nothing in the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act shall be  
19 construed to prohibit testing by an authorized entity, the purpose  
20 of which is to provide to the owner or operator of the computer,  
21 computer system or computer network an evaluation of the security of  
22 the computer, computer system or computer network against real or  
23 imagined threats or harms.



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SECTION 5. REPEALER 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 817 and 818,  
are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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