



Frequently Asked Question(s)

This memo is intended to provide guidance for the “Riley Boatwright Act” as it relates with your agency and school districts.

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SB 1198, also known as the “Riley Boatwright Act” became effective July 1, 2020.

The citation for this new law is O.S. 70 § 27-104. The link to the act is:

http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2019-20%20ENR/SB/SB1198%20ENR.PDF

The new law reads; in part, *prior to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, each school district board of education shall coordinate with the emergency medical services provider that serves the area in which the school district is located to develop an plan for the provision of emergency medical services at athletic events or activities held at school district facilities. The plan shall be reviewed and updated annually as appropriate and placed on file with the school district and the emergency medical provider. The law shall be effective July 1, 2020.*

The responsibility for the plan is with the school district. The school district is to coordinate with their emergency medical service provider. Therefore, it will be beneficial for each provider to work with the Districts to develop that plan.

The Act does not:

- define what activities require the presence of EMS.
- define the level of response that is required for these events.
- define the requirement to have an ambulance present at all events.

Because the statute only requires there to be a plan for the provision of EMS at events, the specific requirements to make a plan for your school can include, but are not limited to:

- Who (personnel) is required to be at events;
- What athletic events require the presence of EMS personnel and equipment;
- How Emergency Medical Response Agencies can be utilized in the Plan;
- When agency units and personnel are required;
- Where events are being held;
- Communication procedures for scheduling events; and/or
- Any compensation.

Additional information may be available from the Oklahoma State School Board as well as from your local school district

Please contact the Department at 405.271.4027 or by email at esystems@health.ok.gov if he have additional questions or concerns.