



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: April 27, 2021

Re: SB 403

Signed: April 21, 2021

Effective: April 21, 2021

Topic: Disruptions to School District Open Meetings and Operations

Summary: This Act amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 21, § 280 to make it unlawful for any person, alone or in concert with others and without authorization, to willfully disturb, interfere, or disrupt the business of a political subdivision (public school districts are political subdivisions), which includes publicly posted meetings, or any agency operations or any employee, agent, official, or representative of the political subdivision. To “disturb, interfere or disrupt” means any conduct that is violent, threatening, abusive, obscene, or that jeopardizes the safety of self or others.

The Act also makes it unlawful for any person without authority or who is causing any disturbance, interference, or disruption to willfully refuse to disperse or leave any property, building or structure owned, leased or occupied by a political subdivision or its employees, agents or representatives, or used in any manner to conduct the political subdivision’s business or operations, after proper notice by a peace officer, sergeant-at-arms, or other security personnel.

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.