

State Legislators Call on Congress to Impeach President Obama

Late last week, a group of Republican legislators in Oklahoma drafted a resolution that, if approved, would call on the state's congressional delegation to draft articles of impeachment against President Obama.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 43 was introduced by Sen. Anthony Sykes (R-Newcastle) and Rep. John R. Bennett (R-Sallisaw). It states:

"The members of the United States House of Representatives elected from this state are hereby requested to file articles of impeachment against the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Education and any other federal official liable to impeachment who has exceeded his or her constitutional authority with respect to the letter referenced in this resolution, based upon the grounds that the Constitution of the United States does not grant the executive branch of the federal government any authority whatsoever over the public education system, nor over the use of restrooms or other facilities thereof."

The letter referenced in the resolution is the "joint guidance" issued by the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice with regard to Title IX and its applicability in cases involving transgendered students. The letter implies public schools may lose their federal funding if they do not comply with the Obama Administration's interpretation that it applies to gender identity.

The resolution states the Oklahoma Legislature is "fully

supportive of providing a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for and protecting the privacy of all students.” The guidance letter, however, makes “policies, proscriptions and conditions” that “clearly and unequivocally” exceed the federal government’s constitutional authority, it says.

In addition to directing the members of Congress to begin the impeachment process, the resolution also directs the Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office to defend “by any means necessary” the interests of the state against the Obama administration’s overreach. It also condemns the actions of the DoJ Civil Rights Division and the DoE Office for Civil Rights relative to the joint guidance letter as “contrary to the values of the citizens of Oklahoma and to the interests of public safety.”