

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 680

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of the SENATE

and

HOLT of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; ESTABLISHING YOUTH
COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM; PROVIDING SHORT TITLE;
DEFINING TERMS; ALLOWING YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE TO
BE COUNTED AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE FOR PURPOSES OF
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; STATING LEGISLATIVE
INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-108 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Youth
Community Services Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-108.1 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Youth community service program" means a program established by a school district as part of the curriculum for elementary or secondary students which includes youth community service activities integrated with study and reflection on the experiences gained through youth community service activities; and

2. "Youth community service activities" means volunteer activities performed by elementary or secondary school students through a youth community service program that meet the needs of others in the school or community and are designed to enhance the student's personal growth, career exploration, understanding of community and citizenship, social science skills, and communication skills.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-108.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

School districts are authorized to establish as part of the curriculum a youth community service program for elementary and secondary students which includes youth community service activities integrated with study and reflection on the experiences gained through youth community service activities. For purposes of meeting graduation requirements, a student may receive up to one unit credit for participation in a youth community service program. A student may perform youth community service activities for educational credit only under the sponsorship of an organization approved by the State Department of Education. Youth community service activities shall not be used to displace any employees or reduce the number of hours for which any employee is paid.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-108.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall assist school districts with the development of youth community service programs by:

1. Establishing and maintaining a list of acceptable projects with a description of each project, and providing for projects to be placed on the list upon proper application by the local district and evaluation by the State Department of Education;

2. Verifying that community sponsors have filed assurances with the Department of Education that youth community services students are not displacing employees or reducing the hours for which any employee is paid;

3. Assisting school districts in publicizing the youth community service program and in determining whether there is sufficient interest in the district to warrant a youth community service program;

4. Monitoring districts to assure that youth community service programs are established in districts where interest warrants;

5. Evaluating local youth community service programs;

6. Developing in-service training components to be used by local districts for preparation of youth community service program faculty sponsors; and

7. Assisting local districts in applying for grants from private or governmental sources for youth community service programs.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-108.4 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education is authorized to apply for federal funds for the purpose of establishing a program through which local school districts may apply for grants to fund local youth community service programs.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 24th day of February, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives