

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 680

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HORNER and MILES-LaGRANGE
of the SENATE

and

HOLT, JOHNSON (Rob), MONSON
and CALDWELL 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 EDUCATION CREDIT;
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
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 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 may establish as part of the curriculum a youth
community service program for secondary students which includes
youth community service activities integrated with study and
reflection on the experiences gained through youth community service
activities. A student may receive elective credit for participating
in a youth community service program as long as the outcomes of the
program reflect the competencies outlined in the Oklahoma Learner
Outcomes adopted by the State Board of Education. 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 may 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;

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

8. For the purpose of implementing this act the State Board of Education shall utilize only grants from private and governmental sources.

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 30th day of April, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 22d day of April, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives