

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1515

BY: HEATON

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; CREATING THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT; PROVIDING SHORT TITLE; PROVIDING FOR DEREGULATION OF SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO CERTAIN TEST SCORES; REQUIRING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH CERTAIN LIST; SPECIFYING AREAS OF DEREGULATION; PROVIDING FOR PROBATIONARY STATUS OF CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR DEREGULATION OF SCHOOLS BASED ON FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN; REQUIRING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 1210.532 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 School Deregulation Act.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.533 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Beginning with the 1991-92 school year, each school district with a student average score in the highest quartile for the prior two years of all Oklahoma school districts tested pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title, shall be subject to deregulation as provided in the Oklahoma School Deregulation Act. Within thirty (30) days of compilation of the test results conducted pursuant to said section, the State Department of Education shall make and publish a list of school districts qualifying for deregulation. Such districts shall be designated as "Qualifying School Districts" for the purposes of this act.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.534 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each Qualifying School District shall be deregulated to the extent of being exempted from the following requirements, mandates or limitations:

1. Class size limitations provided in Sections 18-113.1 and 18-113.2 of this title;
2. Length of school day requirements established in Section 1-111 of this title; and
3. Certain accreditation standards, as determined by the Board, which are otherwise required by Section 3-104.4 of this title.

B. If a Qualifying School District which has operated in reliance on the deregulation exemptions provided in the Oklahoma School Deregulation Act thereafter falls below the fiftieth percentile of all Oklahoma students tested pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title, the school district shall be placed on deregulation probation for a period of one (1) year. If after the probationary one-year period the student average score of the school

district does not meet or exceed the fiftieth percentile mark, then the school district shall cease to be a Qualifying School District and shall become subject to all requirements, mandates or limitations applicable to school districts generally, pursuant to a plan for the phased implementation of such requirements, mandates or limitations to be adopted by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.535 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any school district may qualify for deregulation in one or more of the areas specified in the Oklahoma School Deregulation Act if the State Board of Education determines that the school district's four-year school improvement plan required by Section 5-117.4 of this title indicates that certain deregulation measures would be desirable.

B. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this section.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991

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