

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1819

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,
SECTION 5-110, WHICH RELATES TO WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBERS; MODIFYING WORKSHOP REQUIREMENT FOR
REELECTED MEMBERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-110, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-110. A. ~~At~~ Except as provided in subsection B of this section, at the time a school district elector files a notification and declaration of candidacy for the office of district board of education membership, such elector shall agree and pledge in writing that, upon election or appointment as a member of the district board of education, such member will attend a two-day workshop to be held within the state by the State Department of Education, or upon approval of the State Board of Education, by any organization or association representing district boards of education in this state for study and instruction on the subjects of school finance, the Oklahoma School Code and related laws, and the

ethics, duties and responsibilities of district board of education members.

B. When an incumbent of a district board of education files a notification and declaration of candidacy for reelection to the district board of education, the member shall agree and pledge in writing that upon reelection the member will attend a four-hour workshop emphasizing changes in school law during the immediately preceding three (3) years, and such other matters as the State Department of Education deems appropriate.

C. The State Department of Education shall, immediately after the annual elections of various district board of education members, determine the members of the district boards of education pledged to attend the workshop established by subsection A of this section, and shall notify such members of the time and place such workshop is to be conducted. Upon completion of the workshop, the certificate of completion shall be included in the public records of the school board's minutes. Each school board member shall be required within thirteen (13) months following or preceding his or her election to complete the workshop established by subsection A of this section or to attend twenty (20) hours of other state workshops conducted as instruction on the subjects of school finance, the Oklahoma School Code and related laws, and the ethics, duties and responsibilities of district board of education members. If a member has not satisfied the above workshop requirements within thirteen (13) months of his or her election, the local board of education shall declare the seat of such member vacant and fill the vacancy according to law. However, until November 1, 1990, no seat shall be declared vacant due to this requirement for any school board member who has attended the workshops required by this section and who has received certificates of completion for such workshops but who only received partial credit for the workshops and was not notified of the fact that only partial credit was issued until after the

thirteen-month period had expired. All government departments, agencies and institutions of this state are directed to lend such assistance as may be required by the State Department of Education for the proper conduct and administration of the workshops. The State Department of Education shall maintain a permanent record of each district board of education member who successfully completes a workshop and shall issue a certificate of completion to such member.

~~C.~~ D. The State Department of Education and, upon approval of the State Board of Education, any organization or association representing district boards of education in this state are authorized to charge persons pledged to attend the workshop a registration fee sufficient to defray the estimated costs of presenting the workshop or Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) per registrant, whichever is the lesser amount, and to collect such fees at the time of registration.

~~D.~~ E. Any member of a district board of education or any individual elected, certified as the elected member by the county election board, but not sworn in and seated as a member of a district board of education at the time of a workshop who attends and successfully completes a workshop as required by subsection A or B of this section shall be reimbursed by the school district for expenses incurred, not to exceed compensation in the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day and actual expenses which are itemized and documented for lodging, meals, registration fees and transportation to and from the place of the workshop, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. 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.

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