

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY: COLE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1981,
SECTION 13-105, WHICH RELATES TO THE EDUCATION OF
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN; MANDATING THE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION TO REQUIRE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR
CERTAIN SUPPORT PERSONNEL; 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. 1981, Section 13-105, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 13-105. A. The State Board of Education is hereby
authorized in accordance with state and federal law to determine and
prescribe the qualifications of all persons who teach exceptional
children, to define, classify and determine standards of eligibility
of all exceptional children to receive special education, to fix
minimum requirements for special education of exceptional children,

and to make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the teaching of exceptional children.

B. The State Board of Education shall require all support personnel including but not limited to classroom teacher assistants who are hired after July 1, 1992, to work with or perform any activities in conjunction with a trained paraprofessional or special education teacher for multihandicapped or deaf-blind children to complete the same training and education requirements as the trained paraprofessional is required to complete. All such support personnel hired prior to July 1, 1992, shall be required to complete the training and education requirements prior to July 1, 1993.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

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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