

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 718

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,  
SECTION 6-158, WHICH RELATES TO STAFF DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMS; MODIFYING COMPOSITION OF STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; MODIFYING CERTAIN SELECTION  
PROCEDURES; PRESCRIBING REPRESENTATION OF CERTAIN  
TEACHERS; 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 6-158, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-158. A. The local boards of education of this state shall establish staff development programs for the certified and licensed teachers and administrators employed by said board. Such programs shall be adopted by each local school board based upon recommendations of a staff development committee appointed by the school board for said district. Such staff development committee shall include classroom teachers, administrators and parents of the local school district and shall consult with higher education

instructors. A majority of the members of the staff development committee shall be composed of classroom teachers. The teacher members shall be selected from a ~~list~~ lists of names submitted by the superintendent of the district and the bargaining agent where one exists. If a majority of the teachers in the district are not members of the bargaining agent, the ratio of teachers on the staff development committee that are members of the bargaining agent to the total number of teachers on the committee shall not exceed the ratio of teachers employed in the district that are members of the bargaining agent to the total number of teachers in the district.

In the absence of a bargaining agent, the teachers will elect a list of names to be submitted to the local board of education. The programs adopted may include, but not be limited to:

1. In-service training programs; and
2. Higher education courses.

Each adopted program shall include a component of training in outreach to parents and in multicultural education, which all personnel defined as teachers in Section 1-116 of this title shall be required to complete on a periodic basis. Such programs shall be submitted for approval to the Board. Teachers and administrators who have completed staff development courses in their field of instruction or in courses related to obtaining additional professional qualifications and who complete such courses and receive a grade which is equivalent to at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale may be reimbursed by the school district for one-half (1/2) of the general enrollment fees incurred at any institution within The Oklahoma State System for Higher Education. If the teacher or administrator incurs costs pursuant to this section at a private institution of higher education, the person may be reimbursed by the school district for an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the general enrollment fees incurred at an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education of comparable type. No local school

shall receive state funds for staff development until such time as said local board's program has been approved by the Board.

B. Any licensed and certified teacher in this state shall be required by the local school board to meet the staff development requirements established by said local school board, or established through the negotiation process. Failure of any teacher to meet local school board staff development requirements may be grounds for nonrenewal of such teacher's contract by the local school board. Such failure may also be grounds for nonconsideration of salary increments affecting said teacher.

C. The staff development plan shall be submitted to the State Board of Education as provided in Section 3-104.2 et seq. of this title.

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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