

SHORT TITLE: Schools; requiring certain contracts with certain organizations for technical assistance; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1115

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 10-105.3, as last amended by Section 17, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 10-105.3), which relates to parent education programs; requiring certain contracts with certain organizations for certain technical assistance; clarifying certain reference to eligibility; deleting obsolete language; 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 10-105.3, as last amended by Section 17, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 10-105.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 10-105.3 A. The State Board of Education shall develop and implement a program of parent education which provides practical information and guidance to parents regarding the development of language, cognition, social skills, and motor development of young children. The program shall be phased in so that services will be available to parents of children under age three (3) in school districts identified by the Board as having the greatest numbers of children whose education is considered to be a high challenge. As

funds are available, ~~beginning with the 1992-93 school year,~~ the Board shall expand the program so that services will be available to the school sites identified by the Board as having the greatest percentage of children qualifying for the free or reduced school lunch program. The Board shall expand the program each year to ensure that a parent education program is offered within all school districts by the 1994-95 school year.

B. The program shall emphasize the importance of the parents of children as a child's first and most influential teachers. The parent education programs currently offered in other states should be examined as possible models for the Oklahoma program.

C. The State Board of Education shall contract with ~~an organization~~ organizations to provide technical assistance services to the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers Program. ~~Applicants~~ To be eligible for such contract, an organization must be an affiliate member of a national organization or association providing parent education training and have at least one year of experience in implementation of a Parents as Teachers Program. Technical assistance shall include assistance with training on program organization, management and implementation. Staff of eligible applicants must include a person with a masters degree in Child Development or Early Childhood Education.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

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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