

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1430

By: Coleman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.301, which relates to gifted and talented children; modifying definition of gifted and talented children; 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 1210.301, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.301 As used in this act:

1. "Gifted and talented children" means those children identified at the preschool, elementary and secondary level as having demonstrated potential abilities of high performance capability and needing differentiated or accelerated education or services. For the purpose of this definition, "demonstrated abilities of high performance capability" means:

- a. ~~for the 1985-86 school year,~~ those identified students who score in the top three percent (3%) on any national standardized test ~~or may include students who excel in one or more of the following areas:~~ of intellectual ability; or  
~~(1) Intellectual ability,~~

~~(2) Creative thinking ability,~~

~~(3) Leadership ability,~~

~~(4) Visual and performing arts ability, and~~

~~(5) Specific academic ability;~~

b. ~~beginning with the 1986-87 school year,~~ those identified students who score in the top three percent (3%) on any national standardized test of intellectual ability. ~~Said definition may also include students~~ who and who also excel in one or more of the following areas:

(1) Creative thinking ability,

(2) Leadership ability,

(3) Visual and performing arts ability, and

(4) Specific academic ability;

A school district shall identify children ~~in~~ that excel in the capability areas listed in divisions 1 through 4 of subparagraph b of this paragraph by means of a multicriteria evaluation. Provided, with first and second grade level children, a local school district may utilize other evaluation mechanisms such as, but not limited to, teacher referrals in lieu of standardized testing measures;

2. "Gifted child educational programs" means those special instructional programs, supportive services, unique educational materials, learning settings and other educational services which differentiate, supplement and support the regular educational program in meeting the needs of the gifted and talented child;

3. "Department" means the State Department of Education;

4. "Board" means the Oklahoma State Board of Education; and

5. "Act" means Sections 1210.301 through 1210.307 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

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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