

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1054

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution relating to education; recommending that school districts develop certain policies concerning the separation of multiples in school; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, it is a tradition of many schools across the state to separate twins, triplets or other multiple siblings into different classrooms upon entering the school system without considering the preference of the parent or the children and the best interest of the multiples; and

WHEREAS, the available studies and data indicate that in most cases separation of multiples in school is not beneficial to their achievement in school and in some cases can be detrimental; and

WHEREAS, often the separation of multiples when entering the school environment can be detrimental to the support system between multiples; and

WHEREAS, each multiple is an individual, therefore separation in school is not necessary to develop their individuality; and

WHEREAS, separation of multiples in school can in many cases cause hardship to the parents who have to deal with different class schedules and activities; and

WHEREAS, because the policy of separating multiples has been followed by many schools does not mean it is the better or the correct policy; and

WHEREAS, each set of multiples is different. While some multiples will do better when placed together others do better when separated; therefore placement of multiples should be determined on a case-by-case basis with priority given to the preference of the parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby recommends that all school districts in the state develop a policy concerning the separation of multiples which considers each set of multiples on a case-by-case basis and takes into consideration the preference of the parents and the best interest of the children.

THAT copies of this resolution shall be dispatched to the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution to each school district in the state.

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