

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1056

By: Staggs of the House
and
Rozell of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 24-114.1, which relates to student retention; providing for certain review of a teacher's retention recommendation; providing for parent conference; providing for appeal process; providing for written statement by the parent; 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 24-114.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-114.1 ~~Beginning with the 1990-1991 school year, no student shall be advanced to a higher grade level after a recommendation of a teacher that the child should be retained in the child's present grade level unless a written request for such advancement is signed by a parent or guardian. A copy of the request shall be included in the~~ Whenever a teacher or teachers recommend that a student be retained at the present grade level or not passed in a course, the building principal shall review and approve or disapprove the recommendation. A parent or guardian may

make a written request for a conference with the principal and teacher to discuss the recommendation. After the conference, if the parent or guardian is dissatisfied or disagrees with the recommendation, the parent or guardian may appeal the decision by complying with the district's appeal process. The decision of the board of education shall be final. The parent may prepare a written statement to be placed in and become a part of the permanent record of the student stating the reason(s) for disagreeing with the decision of the board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate