

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1765

By: Hamilton and Steidley of
the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

(schools - allocation of certain funds - adult education -
effective date - emergency)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-110.1 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for Adult
Education Matching Funds shall be provided to school districts which
offer courses leading to the General Education Diploma. The State
Board of Education shall promulgate rules for the distribution of
the funds.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-119 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for School
Lunch Matching and School Lunch Programs shall be apportioned by the
State Board of Education to each school district for the purpose of
providing meals for children in compliance with the National School
Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and Public Law 91-248,
as they may hereafter be amended or supplemented.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-120 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The funding of programs with state funds appropriated to the State Board of Education which are to be awarded through a competitive application process or on a contractual basis shall be subject to final approval of the State Board of Education. The Board shall be responsible for the review and evaluation of the programs throughout the term of the funding or contract. The Board shall ensure that all state funds are expended in an appropriate manner and for the purposes stated in the application or contract.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-121 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A portion of the funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for the Administrative and Support Functions of the State Department of Education shall be expended for:

1. The cost involved in administering, scoring, reporting and other incidental duties necessary to accomplish the provisions of the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act;
2. Preschool deaf education programs operated by the State Department of Education; and
3. Conducting training workshops for administrative personnel pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-101.10 of this title.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-122 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A portion of the funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for Administrative and Support Functions of the State Department of Education shall be expended for the development and operation of a statewide network of services for the education of children with visual impairments. The network shall consist of

itinerant services provided by qualified regional program specialists and certified orientation and mobility specialists.

B. The network of services to be provided shall include:

1. Assessment of visual function;
2. Consultation regarding assessment of academic performance;
3. Consultation regarding assessment of ophthalmological performance;
4. Consultation regarding assessment of psychological performance;
5. Consultation regarding assessment of vocational performance;
6. Assistance in the development of individualized education plans for children with visual impairments; and
7. Provisions of or consultation regarding the acquisition of special equipment for children with visual impairment.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-123 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A portion of the funds appropriated for the Administrative and Support Functions of the State Department of Education shall be allocated for the purpose of implementing the reforms in the Oklahoma Education 2000 Challenge Act, enacted by Enrolled Senate Bill No. 183 of the 1st Session of the 42nd Oklahoma Legislature and Enrolled House Bill No. 1017 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the 42nd Oklahoma Legislature.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-135.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. At the conclusion of the school year, the board of education of each school district shall prepare a report which outlines the expenditures made by the district during that school year and compares said expenditures with those made by the school district during the previous school year. The report shall identify

expenditures by major object codes and program classifications established pursuant to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System, as adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 5-135 of this title. The report shall list dollar and percentage changes for each expenditure.

B. Before September 15 of each year, copies of the report shall be sent to the State Department of Education, which shall forward a copy to the Office of Accountability. In addition, a copy of the report shall be posted in each public school library in the school district.

C. The report shall include a detailed account of expenditures of the funds generated by and allocated to the school district through the economically disadvantaged weight in the State Aid Formula, pursuant to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System, for all school districts with an Average Daily Membership (ADM) greater than ten thousand (10,000).

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-144 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

School districts shall establish and maintain elementary counseling programs with a portion of the funds such districts receive as State Aid.

SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-106.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for Teacher Consultant Stipends for fiscal year 1996, and each year thereafter, shall be distributed by the Board to the school districts to provide a stipend of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each teacher consultant as defined in Section 6-152 of this title. In addition to the distribution of the five-hundred-dollar stipend, each district shall also receive the district's contribution amount

necessary to meet the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.) requirements.

SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-109 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for the School/Community Network for the Arts-in-Education program shall be awarded to school districts on a competitive application basis in accordance with rules promulgated by the State Board of Education for such purpose.

SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-109.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for the Arts-in-Education program shall be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations for programs serving schools identified by the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 1210.541 of this title, as being high challenge schools.

SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-110 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall conduct an inventory of all coursework approved for credit for graduation in each school district and establish criteria by which such courses are approved.

It is the intent of the Legislature that only academic coursework, including vocational education courses, shall be approved for credit toward graduation.

SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-108.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for reimbursement of the costs of educating Homebound Children as

authorized in Section 13-108 of this title shall be disbursed to school districts through claims filed with the State Board of Education. School districts shall reimburse the necessary travel expenses of teachers incurred in fulfilling the services to homebound children in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-114.5 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for Hisson Compliance purposes shall be used to provide resources and programs determined by the Board to be necessary to comply with any federal court order pertaining to Hisson Memorial Center which requires any such resources and programs.

SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-130 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the expenditures made by the State Department of Education for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Oklahoma Early Intervention Act be made in cooperation with the other agencies designated for participation in the early intervention program and in accordance with the recommendations of the Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention. The agencies designated for participation in the program shall provide continued support for the program as outlined by the Coordinating Council.

SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 16-114.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The funds appropriated for the purchase of textbooks shall be apportioned by the State Board of Education to each school district

pursuant to the provisions of Sections 16-101 through 16-124 of this title. Upon application from a local school district, the State Board of Education may allocate funds appropriated for the purchase of textbooks to be used for the purchase of special education textbooks or other instructional materials for those students enrolled in special education programs. Approval of funds shall be based on the following formula:

No funds shall be provided for students attending special education classes less than two (2) hours per day. Those attending two (2) hours or more per day but less than four (4) hours shall receive a one-half (1/2) allocation. Those attending special education classes for four (4) or more hours per day shall receive a full allocation.

SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18-103.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for the financial support of public schools shall be apportioned and disbursed on an eleven-month basis beginning August 1 of each fiscal year.

B. All funds appropriated to the State Board of Education, except for the financial support of public schools and textbooks, shall be apportioned and disbursed on a twelve-month basis beginning July 1 of each fiscal year.

SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18-114.8 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that each board of education make a good faith effort to increase the salary and fringe benefits for teachers and support personnel on an annual basis.

SECTION 19. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 19-122 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Funds appropriated to the State Board of Education for the Driver Education program shall be allocated to each school district which provided a driver education program during the preceding fiscal year in accordance with the rules established by the State Board of Education. Allocations to each school district shall equal the actual cost of the program but shall not exceed Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) per pupil.

SECTION 20. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 21. 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 6th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate