

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 926

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(Penny) and Muegge of the
Senate

and

Adair of the House

[schools - certain pilot project - codification - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified as Section 1210.581 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall establish for the 1996-97 school year a pilot project designed to ensure that all students entering the third grade are reading at the appropriate reading skill level.

B. The pilot project shall involve two or more school sites in a rural area as defined by the Board and two or more school sites in a metropolitan area as defined by the State Board.

C. Prior to admittance into third grade, school sites which are part of the pilot project shall through appropriate assessment determine if each student is reading English at the appropriate skill level, as determined by the Board. If the student is not reading at the appropriate skill level, as determined by the Board, that student shall not be instructed in any other subject areas, except for reading, until it is determined that the pupil has reached the appropriate reading skill level. Provided, a student whose education is subject to the provisions of an individualized

education plan (IEP) pursuant to Public Law 94-142, shall not be subject to the provisions of this act.

D. Prior to the 1996-97 school year, the school sites participating in the pilot project shall provide written notification to the parents or guardians of the students involved in the project.

SECTION 2. 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 Senate the 12th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives