

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1117

By: Begley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.301, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1210.301), which relates to gifted and talented children; clarifying statutory cite; 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, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, 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 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 excel in one or more of the following areas:

- a. creative thinking ability,
- b. leadership ability,
- c. visual and performing arts ability, and
- d. specific academic ability.

A school district shall identify children in capability areas 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~~ 1210.308 of this title.

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.

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