

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1544

By: McCorkell

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 67, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 14-103.1), which relates to vocational-technical education dropout recovery programs; clarifying statutory cites; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 67, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 14-103.1 ), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103.1 A. Contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds, the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education is authorized to award one or more competitive grants for dropout recovery programs to area vocational-technical school districts. The grant awards shall be made to area vocational-technical school districts serving school districts that do not have intensive dropout prevention programs and that have the greatest need for dropout prevention and recovery as reflected in reports of the Office of Accountability. The Dropout Recovery Grants shall emphasize dropout recovery, shall be in addition to any existing

alternative education programs, and shall meet the criteria applicable to Alternative Education Academy Grants as set forth in subsection A of Section ~~62~~ 1210.563 of this ~~act~~ title.

B. The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall provide or contract for technical assistance from appropriated funds. The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall provide or contract for in-depth program analysis and evaluation of grant-funded programs to the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education and the Legislature no later than November 1 following the end of the school year in which one or more programs were implemented and funded through Dropout Recovery Grants.

C. Programs funded through Dropout Recovery Grants shall be subject to the funding cycle and limitations applicable to Alternative Education Academy Grants as set out in subsection C of Section ~~62~~ 1210.563 of this ~~act~~ title.

D. By September 15 of each school year, all revenue received and expended for students participating in Dropout Recovery Grant programs created in subsection A of this section shall be reported to the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education.

E. The State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall promulgate rules as necessary to administer the Dropout Recovery Grants and the process by which the grant funding shall be allocated.

F. By September 1, 1995, the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall prepare and submit to the Legislature and the Governor a proposed statewide plan, including a statement of needed funding, for the provision of vocational and technical education to students in grades six through twelve who have been identified by school districts in their needs assessments as being at risk of not completing a high school education for a reason other than that identified in Section 13-101 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, and who would benefit from vocational and

technical education. The plan shall include the availability of technology education courses to the identified students, an outreach effort to students in grades eleven and twelve in vocational and technical courses, provision for cooperative agreements to provide services for students participating in alternative education programs, and coordination with the State Board of Education.

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.

45-1-5632

KB