

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1868

By: Graves

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring school districts to use phonics to teach reading; directing the State Board of Education to prescribe certain standards; requiring the Board to provide in-service training in phonics techniques; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 11-102.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, every school district in the state shall teach reading using phonics techniques as the teaching methodology.

B. The State Board of Education shall formulate and prescribe minimum standards requiring the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading in public schools in the state. The Board shall provide in-service training programs for teachers on the use of phonics as a technique in the teaching of reading.

C. For purposes of this section, "phonics" means reading instruction that teaches the sounds of the letters of the alphabet,

how letter combinations form syllables, and how syllables form words. Phonics instruction usually includes students listening to, seeing in letter form, reciting, and then writing basic language sounds in order to learn how to read.

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

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