

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1489

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(schools - monetary award - high challenge school -
codification - 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 1210.543 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 1997-98 school year and each school year thereafter, and contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds designated for such purposes, the State Board of Education shall award to each high challenge school as defined in Section 1210.541 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each student enrolled in the school whose school-site performance on the Oklahoma School Testing Program tests demonstrates significant improvement, and whose dropout rate and student attendance rates have shown significant improvement. The total amount of money awarded to each high challenge school shall be placed in a teacher bonus pool for that school. The money in the teacher bonus pool shall annually be divided equally among teachers who taught those students whose test score demonstrated significant improvement.

B. The test scores of students who transfer from or leave the high challenge school during the course of the school year shall be

included in the award to the school if the student took the test while still enrolled in the high challenge school.

C. A teacher who leaves the high challenge school during the course of a school year shall be eligible to receive a portion of the bonus pool if the teacher was teaching at the high challenge school at the time the test was administered.

D. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act. The Board shall develop criteria for determining what level of performance on the tests demonstrates significant improvement.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate