

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1810

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(Clay), Satterfield,
Sullivan (Leonard) and
Vaughn of the House

and

Horner of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; prohibiting the teaching
of Ebonics as a credit course or class; defining
term; providing for codification; and declaring an
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 11-103.8 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Ebonics shall not be recognized as a language art and shall not
be taught as a course or class in the public schools of the state
for which a student receives credit or which is counted towards
fulfilling graduation requirements. For purposes of this section,
"Ebonics" means an Africanized form of English reflecting Black

Americans' linguistic-cultural ties to their African heritage.

Ebonics may also be known as Black English or Black dialect.

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 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