

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 3100

By: Coleman

( education - amending 70 O.S., Section 1210.531 - Oklahoma  
Educational Indicators Program - special education -  
effective date - emergency )

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.531, as  
last amended by Section 4, Chapter 191, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp.  
1997, Section 1210.531), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.531 A. The Education Oversight Board shall  
establish an Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program. The purpose  
of the Program shall be to develop and implement a system of  
measures whereby the performance of public schools and school  
districts is assessed and reported without undue reliance upon any  
single type of indicator, and whereby the public, including students  
and parents, may be made aware of the proper meaning and use of any  
tests administered under the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act,  
relative accomplishments of the public schools, and of progress  
being achieved. The Board shall involve representatives of various  
organizations of school teachers and of school administrators in the  
development of the Program. The Program shall be so designed that  
use of standardized definitions and measures and opportunities for  
coordination with national reports, including those of the National  
Assessment of Educational Progress, are maximized.

B. The Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program shall present information for comparisons of graduation rates, dropout rates, pupil-teacher ratios, student enrollment gain and loss rates, and test results in the contexts of socioeconomic status and the finances of school districts. Information shall also be presented on the total amount of educational and related services expenditures for special education programs by all school districts and the statewide average expenditure per student in a special education program. Information shall be provided individually for all public schools and school districts in a format that facilitates comparisons. As the necessary data becomes available, comparisons shall also be provided individually for all schools and school districts on a historical basis. Reports of all tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act, Section 1210.505 et seq. of this title, shall be a part of the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program and shall be provided for each grade and each test subject or section. The Education Oversight Board shall seek to develop and incorporate additional indicators of comparative standing and accomplishment.

C. Additionally, the Education Oversight Board, with the cooperation of the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, shall develop procedures for obtaining and reporting data to the high schools and to the general public regarding the performance of each high school's graduates in Oklahoma's institutions of higher education and in postsecondary vocational-technical education. The Education Oversight Board shall include such data in the report of the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program.

D. By February 1 of each year the Education Oversight Board shall publish a summary report to the people of Oklahoma of the information provided by the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program.

Immediately following the publication of the summary report each year, all data gathered pursuant to the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the Education Oversight Board or the Office of Accountability; provided, confidentiality of individual student records shall be preserved as required by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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 25th day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

President of the Senate