

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1

By: Fisher of the Senate

and

Tyler, Deutschendorf,  
Gilbert, Hager, Ostrander,  
Stites, Turner, Wells,  
Ferguson, Easley and  
McCarter of the House

An Act relating to schools; requiring the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics to solicit proposals and award grants for certain pilot projects and determine certain criteria; providing certain criteria; requiring certain proposals to be considered on a statewide competitive basis; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 1210.404 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall solicit proposals and award grants for pilot projects that develop and establish model programs implementing advanced science and math curriculum at local vocational-technical school sites, local colleges or universities, or at local school sites via distance learning. At least two grants shall be awarded during the 1997-98 school year for implementation beginning the fall of 1997. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall determine pilot project criteria. The pilot project proposals shall be considered on a statewide competitive basis.

B. A Selection Committee shall be established to assist the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in selecting sites for model programs. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. The Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education or a designee;
2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee; and
3. The Director of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a designee.

C. An Advisory Council shall be established to assist the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in development of the model programs. The Advisory Council shall establish eligibility

criteria for student participation in the program. The Advisory Council shall have final approval of the curriculum and shall set academic standards for the program. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

1. A superintendent of a participating local school district within the vocational-technical school district elected by the majority of the participating superintendents or a designee;

2. The superintendent of a vocational-technical school district participating in the program or a designee; and

3. The Director of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a designee.

D. The Advisory Council and participating area vocational-technical schools shall work with the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in determining advanced science and math curriculum needs for the area served by the program. A representative from the Advisory Council and participating area vocational-technical school or participating local school site shall work with a representative from the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in the recruitment and hiring of faculty for the program. Faculty positions shall be approved by a majority vote of the representatives from the Advisory Council, area vocational-technical school and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

E. The participating area vocational-technical school district shall provide transportation for those students attending the program at the area vocational-technical school site. Local schools at their option may provide transportation for students attending at college or university sites.

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.