

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1489

By: Boyd (Betty)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; providing a monetary award to teachers in a high challenge school; basing award on student performance on certain tests; providing for a teacher bonus pool; providing for distribution of pool to certain teachers; providing for inclusion of tests of certain students; providing for disbursement to certain teachers; directing the State Board of Education to promulgate rules; 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 1210.543 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 performance on the

Oklahoma School Testing Program tests demonstrates 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.

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