

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2956

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Board of Education to establish a Peer Coaching Professional Development Program subject to the availability of certain funds; stating purpose of Program; providing for implementation; requiring the appointment of an advisory committee; providing for selection of teachers as peer coaches; directing use of funds; 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 6-205 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose, the State Board of Education shall establish a Peer Coaching Professional Development Program for the benefit of professional development for teachers in the public schools. The Program shall be implemented with the 1999-2000 school year.

B. The State Board of Education shall appoint an advisory committee to make recommendations of outstanding teachers in the

public schools who wish to serve as peer coaches for the professional development benefit of other teachers. Qualifications for teachers recommended shall be supported by documentation of notable academic achievement of the teacher's students. Teachers shall be selected by the State Board of Education to serve in the Peer Coaching Professional Development Program. Provided, for the first year of the Program, selection shall be limited to teachers of reading, mathematics and science. Thereafter, the State Board of Education may add teachers from other subject areas to the selection as the need is determined and the opportunity arises.

C. Any funds appropriated by the Legislature for the Peer Coaching Professional Development Program shall be used by the State Board of Education to reimburse school districts with teachers serving as peer coaches for the cost of substitute teachers, to provide an honorarium to teachers serving as peer coaches, and to fund the professional development activities.

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.

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