

SHORT TITLE: Schools; clarifying language. Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 1408

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 4, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1210.562), which relates to grant award criteria; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1210.562), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.562 Alternative Approaches grants for alternative education shall not be limited to alternative schools.

Notwithstanding self-identification of a program as an alternative education program, a program shall not receive state-funded grants to provide alternative education administered through the State Department of Education unless the program meets the following criteria:

1. The program has an intake and screening process to determine eligibility of students;
2. The teaching faculty are certified teachers;
3. The program has entered into a service agreement with local agencies serving youth;

4. The program provides courses that meet the curricular standards adopted by the State Department of Education and provides remedial courses;

5. The program offers individualized instruction;

6. The program has clear and measurable program goals and objectives;

7. The school has counseling and social services components; however, providers of these services shall not be required to be certified school counselors;

8. A plan leading to graduation is developed for each child in the program;

9. The program offers life skills instruction; and

10. The program has an evaluation component requiring an annual written self-evaluation.

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

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