

SHORT TITLE: Schools; requiring the State Board of Education to develop and make available certain curriculum. Effective date. Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1421

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Board of Education to develop certain curriculum; providing basic outline for the curriculum content; allowing the State Board of Education to contract for certain services; requiring the State Board of Education to establish certain committee to provide certain advisement; providing for the reimbursement of certain expenses; 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 24-119.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall develop a curriculum relating to African-American history that is to be made available to all school districts at no charge to the districts. Such curriculum shall cover the history of African-Americans and their ancestors and shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The history of the African continent, to include the contributions of Egypt to civilization and the organizational structure of major tribes of Africa;

2. The history of the slave trade, to include coverage of the middle passage, the Amistad, the plantation, abolitionists, the underground railroad, and emancipation;

3. The contributions of great African-American inventors, scientists, writers, leaders, philosophers, and others.

B. The State Board of Education may contract for the provision of services rendered in the development of all or part of the curriculum to be developed pursuant to this act.

C. To fulfill the provisions of subsection A of this section, the State Board of Education shall establish a history committee consisting of no more than twenty (20) persons who are historians, educators, curriculum design experts, and representatives from the African-American community. This committee shall provide direction and advisement throughout the development of the curriculum.

D. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed by the State Board of Education for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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.

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