

SHORT TITLE: Schools; creating Oklahoma Arts Academies. Effective date. Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1423

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; authorizing the State Board of Education to establish and award arts academies grants; stating purpose of awards; stating qualified recipients of awards; directing the Board to promulgate certain rules; requiring certain collaborative applications from certain entities; requiring certain written contracts for certain entities; stating eligibility criteria; providing for application of certain statutes and 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 1210.583 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Contingent upon the provision of funds designated for Oklahoma Arts Academies, the State Board of Education is authorized to award one or more competitive grants to establish arts academies in Oklahoma public schools.

B. The grant awards shall be made to establish arts academies in schools to expose students to arts education and to enrich student learning and academic performance.

C. A competitive award can be made to a public school, a district board of education, an accredited private or public higher education institution, a nonprofit organization, or an entity formed by an interlocal cooperative agreement as defined by Section 5-117b of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. A public school, a district board of education, or an entity formed by an interlocal cooperative agreement may enter into a contract for the provision of arts education pursuant to this act with an accredited public or private higher education institution or a nonprofit organization.

E. The State Board of Education shall design the application form and promulgate rules, regarding eligibility criteria, in addition to those specified in subsection H of this section, application procedures, selection process, appeals process, dissemination of funds, and accountability.

F. Entities eligible for participation in Oklahoma Arts Academies as identified in subsection C of this section shall apply to the State Board of Education pursuant to State Board of Education procedures. Applications submitted by a nonprofit organization or a higher education institution must be made in collaboration with a public school, a district board of education, or an interlocal cooperative agreement and indicate as such in the application.

G. If the grant award is to a nonprofit organization or a higher education institution, that entity must enter into a written agreement with a public school, a district board of education, or an interlocal cooperative agreement for the provision of arts education services pursuant to this section. The written contract must be approved by the State Board of Education prior to the receipt of an arts academy grant.

H. In order to be eligible for an Oklahoma Arts Academy Grant, a program shall:

1. Provide courses that meet the curricular standards adopted by the State Board of Education;

2. Provide arts education enrichment, including Artists in Residence programs coordinated with the Oklahoma Arts Council;

3. State clear and measurable program goals and objectives;

4. Include an evaluation component including an annual written self-evaluation; and

5. Provide a proposed annual budget.

I. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules as necessary to administer the Oklahoma Arts Academy Grants and the process by which the grant funding shall be allocated.

J. All recipients of Oklahoma Arts Academy Grants shall be subject to statutes and rules related to kindergarten through high school education, except where those statutes and rules are in direct conflict with the provisions of this 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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