

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1647

6 By: Deutschendorf of the House

7 and

8 Williams of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to schools; providing for grants for
11 the development of Internet homework tutoring
12 chatroom pilot programs; making grants contingent
13 upon funds; stating guidelines for the pilot
14 programs; providing for use of the funds; directing
15 the State Board of Education to develop criteria for
16 the pilot programs; authorizing the Board to
17 promulgate rules; directing the Board to develop and
18 implement a school testing assistance Internet web
19 page; stating purpose of the web page; requiring the
20 Board provide certain information; authorizing the
21 Board to promulgate rules; providing for
22 codification; providing an effective date; and
23 declaring an emergency.

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

25 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
26 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.556 of Title 70, unless
27 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

28 A. The State Board of Education shall solicit proposals for,
29 and if funds are available, make grants to local boards of education
30 for the establishment of pilot projects that would aid in the
31 development of Internet homework tutoring chatrooms. The proposals
32 for the Internet chatrooms shall create a mechanism that will allow
students to contact and interact with teachers or other
professionals when they are not at school, when the student needs
assistance with courses or homework. Funding may cover the cost of
equipment, materials, personnel, and any other start-up costs of

1 developing the Internet chatrooms. Projects may involve entire
2 districts, combinations of districts, combinations of schools, or
3 elements of schools individually or in combination.

4 B. The State Board of Education shall determine pilot project
5 criteria and establish a process for the consideration of proposals.
6 Such proposals for pilot projects shall be considered on a statewide
7 competitive basis. The Board is authorized to promulgate rules for
8 the operation of such projects.

9 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.557 of Title 70, unless
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. By January 1, 2000, the State Board of Education shall, if
13 funds are available, develop and implement a school testing
14 assistance Internet web page. The purpose of the web page shall be
15 to help students prepare for tests required under the Oklahoma
16 School Testing Program Act and to provide remediation assistance to
17 those students who do not perform satisfactorily on such tests. The
18 web page shall contain information, materials, and example questions
19 which may be used by teachers, students and parents to assist
20 students in preparing for the required tests. The web page shall
21 also identify the most difficult concepts incorporated in the tests
22 and provide specific information, material and example questions
23 which will assist students in those areas.

24 B. The Board shall notify schools and take steps to inform
25 students and parents about the school testing assistance Internet
26 web page. The Board is authorized to promulgate rules for the
27 operation of the web page.

28 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

29 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
30 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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