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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL 798

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An Act relating to schools; amending Sections 1, 2, and 3, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 1210.701, 1210.702, 1210.703), which relate to the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program; providing test fee assistance to students taking more than one advanced placement test in one year; adding certain definitions; providing subsidized training for certain courses; adding financial incentive for students passing certain test with certain score; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.701), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.701 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to establish the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program, to be administered by the State Department of Education as provided in ~~this act~~ Section 1210.701 et seq. of this title. The purpose of the program is to establish, organize, and administer a program designed to improve the course offerings available to high school students throughout the state and to prepare students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational environment. The Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program shall consist of the following components:

1. Financial assistance to public school teachers and schools to build and maintain successful Advanced Placement Programs; and
2. Test fee assistance to public school students in financial need or who take more than one advanced placement test in one year.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.702), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.702 For purposes of the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program:

1. "Advanced placement course" means a high school level preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates all topics specified by the College Board and the Educational Testing Service on its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College Board;

2. "Advanced placement test" means the advanced placement test administered by the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

3. "International baccalaureate course" means a high school level preparatory course for an international baccalaureate examination that incorporates each topic specified by the International Baccalaureate Organization on its standard syllabus for a particular subject area;

4. "International baccalaureate examination" means the international baccalaureate examination administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization;

~~3.~~ 5. "College Board" means the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

~~4.~~ 6. "Department" means the State Department of Education; and

~~5.~~ 7. "Program" means the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.703), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.703 A. Contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds designated for the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program, the State Board of Education is hereby authorized to award schools:

1. ~~A one-time equipment~~ Equipment and/or instructional materials ~~grant~~ grants for the purpose of providing an advanced placement course, based on criteria established by the Department;

2. Subsidized training for advanced placement courses or an international baccalaureate course in a form, manner and time prescribed by the Department;

3. One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each score of three (3) or better on an advanced placement test or four (4) or better on an international baccalaureate examination; provided, these funds shall be used for the purpose of Advanced Placement Program development; ~~and~~

4. For those students who demonstrate financial need as defined by the College Board or International Baccalaureate Organization, a share of the advanced placement test fee; and

5. For those students who take more than one advanced placement test in any one school year, a share of the advanced placement test fee in a manner prescribed by the State Department of Education.

B. Upon completion of the test, the State Department of Education shall obtain from the College Board and the International Baccalaureate Organization a list of students in Oklahoma who scored a three (3) or higher on the Advanced Placement test or a four (4) or higher on the International Baccalaureate test. Financial incentives for schools provided in this section shall be awarded at the beginning of the next school year following the school year in which the test was taken.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. 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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