

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 714

By: Fisher of the Senate  
and  
Tyler of the House

[ education - development of advanced science and math  
programs - effective date -

emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 352, O.S.L.  
1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.404), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 1210.404 A. ~~The~~ Subject to the availability of funds,  
the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall solicit  
proposals and award grants for pilot projects that develop and  
establish model programs implementing advanced science and math  
curriculum at ~~local~~ vocational-technical school sites, ~~local~~  
colleges or universities, or at ~~local~~ public school sites via  
distance learning. ~~At least two grants shall be awarded during the~~  
~~1997-98 school year for implementation beginning the fall of 1997.~~  
The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall determine pilot  
project criteria. The pilot project proposals shall be considered  
on a statewide competitive basis.

B. A Selection Committee shall be established to assist the  
Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in selecting sites for  
model programs. The Selection Committee shall consist of the  
following members:

1. The Director of the State Department of Vocational and  
Technical Education or a designee;

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee; and

3. The Director of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a designee.

C. An Advisory Council shall be established to assist the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in development of the model programs. The Advisory Council shall establish eligibility criteria for student participation in the program. The Advisory Council shall have final approval of the curriculum and shall set academic standards for the program. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

1. A superintendent of a participating local school district within the vocational-technical school district elected by the majority of the participating superintendents or a designee;

2. The superintendent of a vocational-technical school district participating in the program or a designee; and

3. The Director of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a designee.

D. The Advisory Council and participating area vocational-technical schools shall work with the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in determining advanced science and math curriculum needs for the area served by the program. A representative from the Advisory Council and participating area vocational-technical school or participating ~~local~~ public school site shall work with a representative from the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in the recruitment and hiring of faculty for the program. Faculty positions shall be approved by a majority vote of the representatives from the Advisory Council, area vocational-technical school and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

E. The participating area vocational-technical school district shall provide transportation for those students attending the program at the area vocational-technical school site. ~~Local schools~~ School districts at their option may provide transportation for students attending at college or university sites.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

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.

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 1999.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives