

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1365

By: Begley and Jones of the
House

and

Williams and Hobson of the
Senate

An Act relating to the schools; amending Section 2, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.508D), which relates to the Reading Sufficiency Act; providing for reimbursement of certain amounts; providing basis for reimbursement; deleting certain reporting requirements; requiring filing of claims; providing manner of reimbursements; directing the Board of Education to promulgate rules; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.508D), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.508D A. Contingent on the provision of appropriated funds designated for the Reading Sufficiency Act, ~~the State Department of Education is hereby authorized to award schools~~ school districts may be reimbursed in the amount of up to One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each enrolled first-, second- and third-grade student of the current school year who is found to be in need of remediation in reading. The reimbursement shall be for expenses incurred in reading assessment and remediation at those grade levels pursuant to the provisions of the Reading Sufficiency Act.

B. ~~Each school district that received funds pursuant to the Reading Sufficiency Act for the previous school year shall report receipt and expenditure of the funds to the State Department of Education by project reporting code, object and program classification as part of the final revenue report and final expenditure report pursuant to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System~~ In order to be reimbursed, school districts shall file a claim with the State Department of Education at the end of each school semester. Claims from summer remediation shall be filed with the first semester claim of the subsequent school year. Claims shall be reimbursed in a timely manner. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for the administration of reimbursements.

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 House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate