

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1390

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and

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An Act relating to the Sex Offenders Registration Act; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Sections 582, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1998, 583, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1997, 584, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1998, and 585, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1997 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 582, 583, 584 and 585), which relate to procedures and time periods for registering sex offenders; modifying types of offenders who are subject to registration; specifying type of work and school attendance requiring registration; modifying certain time periods; stating exceptions to certain registration periods; stating additional information to be provided to offender upon registration; requiring Department of Corrections to notify appropriate agency in another state if offender is relocating to that state; requiring Department of Corrections to forward certain information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; modifying types of offenders subject to lifetime registration; authorizing Department of Corrections to establish procedures for registration of certain out-of-state offenders; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3-104, as last amended by Section 32, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 3-104), which relates to powers and duties of State Board of Education; modifying circumstances requiring teacher certificate revocation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 582, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1998 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 582), is amended to read as follows:

Section 582. A. The provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act, Section 581 et seq. of this title, shall apply to any person residing, working or attending school within the State of Oklahoma who, after November 1, 1989, has been convicted, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere, or received a suspended sentence or any probationary term for a

crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as those terms are defined in Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, ~~Sections~~ Section 741, 843.1, if the offense included sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 886, 888, 891, 1021, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1040.51, 1087, 1088, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes ~~or~~.

B. The provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall apply to any person who enters this state after November 1, 1989, resides, works or attends school within the State of Oklahoma and who has been convicted or received a suspended sentence in any court of another state, a federal court, an Indian tribal court or a military court for a crime or attempted crime which, if committed or attempted in this state, would be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in any of said laws listed in subsection A of this section.

C. The provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall apply to any person who enters this state on or after September 1, 1993, resides, works or attends school within the State of Oklahoma and who has received a deferred judgment in any court of another state, a federal court, an Indian tribal court or a military court for a crime or attempted crime which, if committed or attempted in this state, would be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as those terms are defined in Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 741, 843.1, if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 886, 888, 891, 1021, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1040.51, 1087, 1088, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall not apply to any such person while the person is incarcerated in a maximum or medium correctional institution of the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 583, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1997 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 583), is amended to read as follows:

Section 583. A. Any person who becomes subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act, Section 581 et seq. of this title, on or after November 1, 1989, shall ~~register~~ be registered as follows:

1. With the Department of Corrections within three (3) business days of being convicted or receiving a suspended sentence or any probationary term if the person is not incarcerated, or within three (3) business days of release of the person from a correctional institution, except as provided in subsection B of this section; and

2. With the local law enforcement authority having jurisdiction in the area where the person resides or intends to reside for more than seven (7) days. The registration is required within three (3) days after entering the jurisdiction of the law enforcement authority.

For purposes of this section, "local law enforcement authority" means the municipal police department, if the person resides or

intends to reside or stay within the jurisdiction of any municipality of this state; or, the county sheriff, if the person resides or intends to reside or stay at any place outside the jurisdiction of any municipality within this state.

B. Any person who has been convicted of an offense or received a deferred judgment for an offense on or after November 1, 1989, in another jurisdiction, which offense if committed or attempted in this state, would have been punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in Section 582 of this title and who enters ~~and remains in~~ this state shall ~~register~~ be registered as follows:

1. With the Department of Corrections when the person enters and intends to be in the state for any purpose for thirty (30) days or longer, has any type of full-time or part-time employment, with or without compensation for more than fourteen (14) days or an aggregate period exceeding thirty (30) days within a calendar year, or is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student within this state. Such registration is required within ~~ten (10)~~ three (3) days after entering the state; and

2. With the local law enforcement authority having jurisdiction in the area where the person intends to reside or to stay for more than seven (7) days, has any type of full-time or part-time employment, with or without compensation for more than fourteen (14) days or an aggregate period exceeding thirty (30) days within a calendar year, or is enrolled as a full-time or part-time student within this state. The registration is required with local law enforcement within three (3) days after entering the jurisdiction of the law enforcement authority.

C. ~~The~~ Except for habitual or aggravated sex offenders, the person shall be required to register for a period of ten (10) years and the information received pursuant to the registration with the Department of Corrections required by this section shall be maintained by the Department of Corrections for a period of at least ten (10) years from the date of registration.

D. ~~The~~ Except for habitual or aggravated sex offenders, the person shall be required to register for a period of ten (10) years and the information received pursuant to the registration with the local law enforcement authority required by this section shall be maintained by such authority for ~~five (5)~~ at least ten (10) years.

E. When registering an offender as provided in this section the Department of Corrections or the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction shall:

1. Inform the offender of the duty to register and obtain the information required for registration as described in this section;

2. Inform the offender that if the offender changes address, the offender shall give the new address to the Department of Corrections in writing no later than three (3) days before the offender establishes residence or is temporarily domiciled at the new address;

3. Inform the offender that if the offender changes address to another state, the offender shall register the new address with the Department of Corrections and with a designated law enforcement

agency in the new state not later than ten (10) days before the offender establishes residency or is temporarily domiciled in the new state, if the new state has a registration requirement; ~~and~~

4. Inform the offender that if the offender participates in any full-time or part-time employment, in another state, with or without compensation for more than fourteen (14) days or an aggregate period exceeding thirty (30) days in a calendar year, then the offender has a duty to register as a sex offender in that state;

5. Inform the offender that if the offender enrolls in any type of school in another state as a full-time or part-time student then the offender has a duty to register as a sex offender in that state;
and

6. Require the offender to read and sign a form stating that the duty of the person to register under this act has been explained.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 584, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1998 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 584), is amended to read as follows:

Section 584. A. The registration with the Department of Corrections required by the Sex Offenders Registration Act, Section 581 et seq. of this title, shall be in a form approved by the Department of Corrections and shall include the following information about the person registering:

1. The person's name and all aliases used or under which the person has been known;

2. A complete description of the person, including a photograph and fingerprints, and when requested by the Department of Corrections, such registrant shall submit to a blood test for purposes of a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) profile. Submission to testing for individuals registering shall be within thirty (30) days of registration. All individuals registered pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act on July 1, 1997, shall provide a blood sample by October 1, 1997. Registrants who already have valid samples on file in the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) DNA Offender Database shall not be required to submit duplicate samples for testing;

3. The offenses listed in Section 582 of this title of which the person has been convicted or for which the person received a suspended sentence, where the offense was committed, where the person was convicted or received the suspended sentence, and the name under which the person was convicted or received the suspended sentence;

4. The name and location of each hospital or penal institution to which the person was committed for each offense listed in Section 582 of this title; and

5. Where the person resides, how long the person has resided there, how long the person expects to reside there, and how long the person expects to remain in the county and in the State of Oklahoma. The Department of Corrections shall conduct address verification of the sex offender on an annual basis by mailing a nonforwardable

verification form to the last reported address of the person. The person shall return the verification form in person to the local law enforcement agency of that jurisdiction within ten (10) days after receipt of the form and may be photographed by the local law enforcement agency at that time. The local law enforcement agency shall forward the form to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections within three (3) days after receipt of the form. The verification form shall be signed by the person and state the current address of the person. Failure to return the verification form shall be a violation of this act. If the offender has been determined to be a habitual or aggravated sex offender by the Department of Corrections, the address verification shall be conducted every ninety (90) days. The Department of Corrections shall notify the district attorney's office and local law enforcement agency of the appropriate county, within forty-five (45) days if unable to verify the address of a sex offender. A local law enforcement agency may notify the district attorney's office whenever it comes to the attention of the local law enforcement agency that a sex offender is not in compliance with any provisions of this act.

B. Conviction data and fingerprints shall be promptly transmitted at the time of registration to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) if the state has not previously sent the information at the time of conviction.

C. The registration with the local law enforcement authority required by this act shall be in a form approved by the local law enforcement authority and shall include the following information about the person registering:

1. The person's full name, alias, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, social security number, driver license number, and home address; and

2. A description of the offense for which the offender was convicted, the date of the conviction, and the sentence imposed, if applicable.

For purposes of this section, "local law enforcement authority" means the municipal police department, if the person resides or intends to reside or stay within the jurisdiction of any municipality of this state; or, the county sheriff, if the person resides or intends to reside or stay at any place outside the jurisdiction of any municipality within this state.

D. Any person subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act who changes an address shall give written notification of the new address to the Department of Corrections within ~~ten (10)~~ three (3) business days after the change of address and the local law enforcement authority within three (3) business days after the change of address. If the new address is in another state the Department of Corrections shall promptly notify the agency responsible for registration in that state of the new address of the offender.

E. The Department of Corrections shall maintain a file of all sex offender registrations. A copy of the information contained in the registration shall promptly be available to state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies and the National Sex Offender

Registry maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Said file shall promptly be made available for public inspection or copying pursuant to rules promulgated by the Department of Corrections and may be made available through Internet access. The Department of Corrections shall promptly provide all municipal police departments and all county sheriff departments a list of those sex offenders registered and living in their county.

F. Each local law enforcement agency shall make its sex offender registry available upon request.

When a law enforcement agency sends a copy of or otherwise makes the sex offender registry available to any public or private school offering any combination of prekindergarten through twelfth grade classes or child care facility licensed by the state, the agency shall provide a notice using the following or similar language: "A person whose name appears on this registry has been convicted of a sex offense. Continuing to employ a person whose name appears on this registry may result in civil liability for the employer."

G. Samples of blood for DNA testing required by subsection A of this section shall be taken by employees or contractors of the Department of Corrections. Said individuals shall be properly trained to collect blood samples. Persons collecting blood for DNA testing pursuant to this section shall be immune from civil liabilities arising from this activity. The Department of Corrections shall ensure the collection of samples are mailed to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) within ten (10) days of the time the subject appears for testing. The Department shall use sample kits provided by the OSBI and procedures promulgated by the OSBI. Persons subject to DNA testing pursuant to this section shall be required to pay to the Department of Corrections a fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). Any fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the Department of Corrections revolving account.

H. 1. Any person who has been convicted of or received a suspended sentence or any probationary term for any crime listed in Section 582 of this title and:

- a. ~~who subsequent to November 1, 1997 was~~ is subsequently convicted of a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as these terms are defined in Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 885, 888, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes listed in subsection A of Section 582 of this title, or
- b. who enters this state after November 1, 1997, and who has been convicted of an additional crime or attempted crime which, if committed or attempted in this state, would be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in ~~subparagraph a~~ subsection A of Section 582 of this ~~paragraph~~ title,

shall be subject to all of the registration requirements of this act and shall be designated by the Department of Corrections as a habitual sex offender. ~~Designation as a~~ A habitual sex offender

shall be required to register for the lifetime of the habitual sex offender.

2. On or after November 1, 1999, any person who has been convicted of a crime or an attempt to commit a crime, received a suspended sentence or any probationary term for a crime provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as these terms are defined in Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 885, 888, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be subject to all the registration requirements of this act and shall be designated by the Department of Corrections as an aggravated sex offender. An aggravated sex offender shall be required to register for the lifetime of the aggravated sex offender.

~~2.~~ 3. Upon registration of any person designated as a habitual or aggravated sex offender, pursuant to this subsection, a local law enforcement authority shall notify, by any method of communication it deems appropriate, anyone that the local law enforcement authority determines appropriate, including, but not limited to:

- a. the family of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- b. any prior victim of the habitual or aggravated sex offender, and
- c. residential neighbors and churches, community parks, schools, convenience stores, businesses and other places that children or other potential victims may frequent.

~~3.~~ 4. The notification may include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- a. the name and physical address of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- b. a physical description of the habitual or aggravated sex offender, including, but not limited to, age, height, weight and eye and hair color,
- c. a description of the vehicle that the habitual or aggravated sex offender is known to drive,
- d. any conditions or restrictions upon the probation, parole or conditional release of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- e. a description of the primary and secondary targets of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- f. a description of the method of offense of the habitual or aggravated sex offender,
- g. a current photograph of the habitual or aggravated sex offender, and

- h. the name and telephone number of the probation or parole officer of the habitual or aggravated sex offender.

~~4.~~ 5. The local law enforcement authority shall make the notification provided for in this subsection regarding a habitual or aggravated sex offender available to any person upon request.

I. Public officials, public employees, and public agencies are immune from civil liability for good faith conduct under this act.

1. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to impose any liability upon or to give rise to a cause of action against any public official, public employee, or public agency for failing to release information in accordance with this act.

2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent law enforcement officers from notifying members of the public of any persons that pose a danger under circumstances that are not enumerated in this act.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 585, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 260, O.S.L. 1997 (57 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 585), is amended to read as follows:

Section 585. A. Each person in charge of a correctional institution from which a person subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act, Section 581 et seq. of this title, is released and each judge who suspends the sentence of a person subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act or orders any probationary term for a person subject to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall prior to discharge or release of said person:

1. Explain to the person the duty to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act;

2. Require the person to sign a written statement that the duty to register has been explained and the person understands the duty to register;

3. Obtain the address at which the person is to reside upon discharge or release; and

4. Forward said information to the Department of Corrections.

B. The Department of Public Safety shall issue written notification of the registration requirements of the Sex Offenders Registration Act to any person who enters this state from another jurisdiction and makes an initial application for an operator's or chauffeur's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state.

C. The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with the Administrative Office of the Courts in promulgating rules to establish other necessary procedures for notifying offenders of the obligation to register pursuant to this act and procedures for registration of those offenders.

D. The Department of Corrections shall coordinate with surrounding states to establish necessary procedures for notifying

offenders that reside in other states but work or attend school within the State of Oklahoma of the obligation to register pursuant to this act and the procedure for registration of those offenders.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3-104, as last amended by Section 32, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 3-104), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-104. The control of the State Department of Education and the supervision of the public school system of Oklahoma shall be vested in the State Board of Education and, subject to limitations otherwise provided by law, the State Board of Education shall:

1. Establish and prescribe the duties of an executive officer who shall be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and whose duties shall include the responsibility to give advice and make recommendations to the Board on all matters pertaining to the policies and administration of the State Department of Education and the public school system;

2. Adopt policies and make rules for the operation of the State Department of Education and the public school system of the state;

3. Organize and have control of the administrative and supervisory agencies, divisions, personnel and their appointment and salaries and other operations necessary to carry out the powers, duties and functions of the Board and its executive officer;

4. Have authority to require the coordination of all divisions of the State Department of Education through its executive officer, delegate general supervision of all employees to its executive officer, require all recommendations to be presented through its executive officer, require its executive officer to be responsible for interpretation of the Board's policy, require any employee of the Board to present any specific matter directly to the Board;

5. Appoint, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of a secretary, an attorney and all other personnel necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the State Board of Education. The secretary shall not be a member of the Board;

6. Submit to the Governor a departmental budget based upon major functions of the Department supported by detailed data on needs and proposed operations as partially determined by the budgetary needs of local school districts filed with the State Board of Education for the ensuing fiscal year. Appropriations therefor shall be made in lump-sum form for each major item in the budget as follows:

- a. State Aid to schools,
- b. the supervision of all other functions of general and special education including general control, free textbooks, school lunch, Indian education and all other functions of the Board and an amount sufficient to adequately staff and administer these services, and
- c. the Board shall determine the details by which the budget and the appropriations are administered. Annually, the Board shall make preparations to

consolidate all of the functions of the Department in such a way that the budget can be based on two items, administration and aid to schools. A maximum amount for administration shall be designated as a part of the total appropriation;

7. On the first day of December preceding each regular session of the Legislature, prepare and deliver to the Governor and the Legislature a report for the year ending June 30 immediately preceding said regular session of the Legislature. Said report shall contain:

- a. detailed statistics and other information concerning enrollment, attendance, expenditures including State Aid, and other pertinent data for all public schools in this state,
- b. reports from each and every division, department, institution or other agency under the supervision of the Board,
- c. recommendations for the improvement of the public school system of the state,
- d. a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the State Board of Education for the past year, and
- e. a statement of plans and recommendations for the management and improvement of public schools and such other information relating to the educational interests of the state as may be deemed necessary and desirable;

8. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula, courses of study and other instructional aids necessary for the adequate instruction of pupils in the public schools;

9. Have authority in matters pertaining to the licensure and certification of persons for instructional, supervisory and administrative positions and services in the public schools of the state subject to the provisions of Section ~~5~~ 6-184 of this ~~act~~ title, and shall formulate rules governing the issuance and revocation of certificates for superintendents of schools, principals, supervisors, librarians, clerical employees, school nurses, school bus drivers, visiting teachers, classroom teachers and for other personnel performing instructional, administrative and supervisory services, but not including members of boards of education and other employees who do not work directly with pupils, and may charge and collect reasonable fees for the issuance of such certificates:

- a. the State Department of Education shall not issue a certificate to and shall revoke the certificate of any person who has been convicted, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere, or received a suspended sentence or any probationary term for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse or sexual exploitation as those terms are defined in

Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 741, 843.1, if the offense included sexual abuse or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 888, 891, 1021, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1040.51, 1087, 1088, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or who enters this state and who has been convicted, received a suspended sentence or received a deferred judgement for a crime or attempted crime which, if committed or attempted in this state, would be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided for in any of said laws,

- b. all funds collected by the State Department of Education for the issuance of certificates to instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel in the public schools of the state shall be deposited in the "Teachers' Certificate Fund" in the State Treasury and may be expended by the State Board of Education to finance the activities of the State Department of Education necessary to administer the program, for consultative services, publication costs, actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act incurred by persons performing research work, and other expenses found necessary by the State Board of Education for the improvement of the preparation and certification of teachers in Oklahoma. Provided, any unobligated balance in the Teachers' Certificate Fund in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) on June 30 of any fiscal year shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma. Until July 1, 1997, the State Board of Education shall have authority for approval of teacher education programs. The State Board of Education shall also have authority for the administration of teacher residency and professional development, subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act;

10. Promulgate rules governing the classification, inspection, supervision and accrediting of all public nursery, kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools and on-site educational services provided by public school districts or state-accredited private schools in partial hospitalization programs, day treatment programs, and day hospital programs as defined in this act for persons between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21) years of age in the state. However, no school shall be denied accreditation solely on the basis of average daily attendance.

Any school district which maintains an elementary school and faces the necessity of relocating its school facilities because of construction of a lake, either by state or federal authority, which will inundate the school facilities, shall be entitled to receive probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a period of five (5) years after the effective date of this act and any school district, otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to receive probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a period of two (2) consecutive years to attain the minimum average daily attendance. The Head Start and public nurseries or kindergartens operated from Community Action Program funds shall not be subjected to the accrediting rules of the State Board of

Education. Neither will the State Board of Education make rules affecting the operation of the public nurseries and kindergartens operated from federal funds secured through Community Action Programs even though they may be operating in the public schools of the state. However, any of the Head Start or public nurseries or kindergartens operated under federal regulations may make application for accrediting from the State Board of Education but will be accredited only if application for the approval of the programs is made. The status of no school district shall be changed which will reduce it to a lower classification until due notice has been given to the proper authorities thereof and an opportunity given to correct the conditions which otherwise would be the cause of such reduction.

Private and parochial schools may be accredited and classified in like manner as public schools or, if an accrediting association is approved by the State Board of Education, by procedures established by the State Board of Education to accept accreditation by such accrediting association, if application is made to the State Board of Education for such accrediting;

11. Be the legal agent of the State of Oklahoma to accept, in its discretion, the provisions of any Act of Congress appropriating or apportioning funds which are now, or may hereafter be, provided for use in connection with any phase of the system of public education in Oklahoma. It shall prescribe such rules as it finds necessary to provide for the proper distribution of such funds in accordance with the state and federal laws;

12. Be and is specifically hereby designated as the agency of this state to cooperate and deal with any officer, board or authority of the United States Government under any law of the United States which may require or recommend cooperation with any state board having charge of the administration of public schools unless otherwise provided by law;

13. Be and is hereby designated as the "State Educational Agency" referred to in Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of the United States, which law states that said act may be cited as the "National School Lunch Act", and said State Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to accept the terms and provisions of said act and to enter into such agreements, not in conflict with the Constitution of Oklahoma or the Constitution and Statutes of the United States, as may be necessary or appropriate to secure for the State of Oklahoma the benefits of the school lunch program established and referred to in said act;

14. Have authority to secure and administer the benefits of the National School Lunch Act, Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of the United States, in the State of Oklahoma and is hereby authorized to employ or appoint and fix the compensation of such additional officers or employees and to incur such expenses as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the above purpose, administer the distribution of any state funds appropriated by the Legislature required as federal matching to reimburse on children's meals;

15. Accept and provide for the administration of any land, money, buildings, gifts, donation or other things of value which may be offered or bequeathed to the schools under the supervision or control of said Board;

16. Have authority to require persons having administrative control of all school districts in Oklahoma to make such regular and special reports regarding the activities of the schools in said districts as the Board may deem needful for the proper exercise of its duties and functions. Such authority shall include the right of the State Board of Education to withhold all state funds under its control, to withhold official recognition, including accrediting, until such required reports have been filed and accepted in the office of said Board and to revoke the certificates of persons failing or refusing to make such reports;

17. Have general supervision of the school lunch program. The State Board of Education may sponsor workshops for personnel and participants in the school lunch program and may develop, print and distribute free of charge or sell any materials, books and bulletins to be used in such school lunch programs. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Board, to be designated the School Lunch Workshop Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of all fees derived from or on behalf of any participant in any such workshop sponsored by the State Board of Education, or from the sale of any materials, books and bulletins, and such funds shall be disbursed for expenses of such workshops and for developing, printing and distributing of such materials, books and bulletins relating to the school lunch program. The fund shall be administered in accordance with the Revolving Fund Procedures Act;

18. Prescribe all forms for school district and county officers to report to the State Board of Education where required. The State Board of Education shall also prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for and expended; and it shall be the duty of the State Auditor and Inspector in prescribing all budgeting, accounting and reporting forms for school funds to conform to such lists;

19. Provide for the establishment of a uniform system of pupil and personnel accounting, records and reports;

20. Have authority to provide for the health and safety of school children and school personnel while under the jurisdiction of school authorities;

21. Provide for the supervision of the transportation of pupils;

22. Have authority, upon request of the local school board, to act in behalf of the public schools of the state in the purchase of transportation equipment;

23. Have authority and is hereby required to perform all duties necessary to the administration of the public school system in Oklahoma as specified in the Oklahoma School Code; and, in addition thereto, those duties not specifically mentioned herein if not delegated by law to any other agency or official;

24. Administer the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund established by Section 32 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution. Any royalties, bonuses, rentals or other monies derived from oil and gas and all other mineral leases on lands that have been or may be granted by the United States to the state for the use and benefit of the common schools, or lands that

are or may be held by the Commissioners of the Land Office for the use and benefit of the common schools, the proceeds of the sale of easements, improvements and sand and gravel on any such lands, the proceeds of all property that shall fall to the state by escheat, penalties for unlawful holding of real estate by corporations, and capital gains on assets of the permanent school funds, shall be deposited in such State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund, which shall be used to aid school districts in acquiring buildings under rules prescribed by the State Board of Education, as the administering agency, subject to the limitations fixed by Section 32 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution. The State Board of Education shall prescribe rules for making grants of aid from, and for otherwise administering, such fund, and may employ and fix the duties and compensation of technicians, aides, clerks, stenographers, attorneys and other personnel deemed necessary to perform its duties; and the cost of administering such fund shall be paid from funds currently available for the operation of the State Department of Education. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education, the Commissioners of the Land Office and all other public agencies, officers and employees to observe and comply with the provisions of this paragraph, in all respects; and they shall not be held liable for any amount, penalty or punishment for having done so, unless and until they are directed to do otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction;

25. Recognize that the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall be the administrative authority for the schools which are maintained in the state reformatories and shall appoint the principals and teachers in such schools. Provided, that rules of the State Board of Education for the classification, inspection and accreditation of public schools shall be applicable to such schools; and such schools shall comply with standards set by the State Board of Education;

26. Have authority to administer a revolving fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury, to be designated the Statistical Services Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of all monies received from the various school districts of the state, the United States Government, and other sources for the purpose of furnishing or financing statistical services and for any other purpose as designated by the Legislature. The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with school districts, municipalities, the United States Government, foundations and other agencies or individuals for services, programs or research projects. The Statistical Services Revolving Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Revolving Fund Procedures Act, Section 155 et seq. of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

27. Have authority to review preliminary plans for new construction and major alteration of public school buildings where structural changes are proposed. No bids shall be let for the construction or major alteration of any public school building until preliminary plans and specifications for such construction or alteration have been submitted to and reviewed by the State Department of Education. The period of time during which such review is conducted by the State Department of Education shall not exceed thirty (30) days. The State Department of Education shall advise each local school district regarding said review of preliminary plans and specifications. Provided, nothing in this

subsection shall be construed as repealing any ordinance or building code of any city, town or county.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

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

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate