

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Monday, February 22, 1999

## Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1595

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1595 -- By EDDINS of the House and WILLIAMS of the Senate.

( Schools - kindergarten programs – codification - effective date – emergency )

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-108, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 18-108), is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-108. It is the ~~intention~~ intent of the Legislature to provide a free public kindergarten for every five-year-old child in this state.

1. Each day during which a child attends a kindergarten for two and one-half hours or more shall be counted as one hundred percent (100%) of one (1) day of average daily attendance. Each day a kindergarten student is on the membership roll in a school district shall be counted as one hundred percent (100%) of one (1) day of average daily membership.

2. It shall be the duty of every school district in this state to provide and offer kindergarten free of tuition for every child residing in such district who attains the age of five (5) years on or before the first day of September during the school year such kindergarten is offered ~~or who is under age and is admitted to kindergarten classes as provided for in Section 1-114 of this title~~, provided that this duty may be satisfied by transferring kindergarten children to other school districts which accept them and provide kindergarten for such children, or by contracting for classroom space with a licensed public or private child care provider based upon selection criteria established by the district.

3. A kindergarten program may be offered jointly by school districts that have formed interlocal cooperative agreements pursuant to Section 5-117b of this title.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ANDBUDGET, dated 2-18-99 -- DO PASS, As Coauthored.