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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, April 4, 2000

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 2467

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2467 - By: ROSS and GILBERT of the House and HORNER and WILLIAMS of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.553, as amended by Section 48, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.553), which relates to grants for at-risk or disadvantaged urban school districts; modifying eligibility requirements for certain grants; limiting grants to after-school programs; making grants contingent upon provisions of certain funds; requiring the State Board of Education to include certain criteria for pilot programs; amending Section 56, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999, which relates to implementation of certain sections of law; modifying sections of law; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.553, as amended by Section 48, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.553), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.553 A. ~~Contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds designated for such purpose, the~~ The State Board of Education may award one or more competitive grants to school districts or nonprofit organizations for providing academically-oriented programs to students in ~~at-risk or disadvantaged urban school districts~~ low-performing or high-challenge elementary or middle schools needing or desiring such

1 programs ~~during before-school, after-school, and summer periods.~~
2 Such grants shall be contingent upon the provision of appropriated
3 or other available funds designated for the purpose of improving the
4 academic achievement of students in such schools and shall include,
5 but are not limited to, funding from Great Expectations programs.

6 B. The State Board of Education shall determine pilot program
7 criteria ~~and~~ which shall include, but not be limited to:

8 1. Interactive learning with individualized tutorial assistance
9 in one central location;

10 2. Professional tutorial support and resources in reading,
11 language arts, and mathematics;

12 3. A maximum tutor-to-student ratio of 3:1 through utilization
13 of paraprofessionals and college student volunteers;

14 4. Support for and enhancement of professional development for
15 teachers in the school; and

16 5. Development of workshops and support programs for parents.

17 The State Board of Education shall establish a process for the
18 consideration of proposals. ~~Such proposals~~ for pilot programs which
19 shall be ~~considered~~ made on a statewide competitive basis. The
20 State Board of Education is authorized to promulgate rules for the
21 operation of such programs.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 56, Chapter 320, O.S.L.
23 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 56. Implementation of Sections 37 through 47 and
2 Sections 49 through 54 of this act, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999, shall
3 be delayed until the current expenditure per pupil in average daily
4 attendance in public elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted
5 dollars for the 1998-99 school year or any school year thereafter
6 for Oklahoma as reported by the National Center for Education
7 Statistics annually in the Digest of Education Statistics reaches at
8 least ninety percent (90%) of the regional average expenditure for
9 that same year, and funds are provided. For purposes of this
10 section, the regional average expenditure shall consist of the
11 current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public
12 elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for each of
13 the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New
14 Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of
15 each year the State Board of Education shall report whether or not
16 the ninety-percent expenditure level has been reached based on
17 information reported annually in the Digest of Education Statistics
18 by the National Center for Education Statistics. Sections 37
19 through 47 and Sections 49 through 54 of this act, Chapter 320,
20 O.S.L. 1999, shall be implemented on July 1 after the first January
21 1 report verifies that the ninety-percent expenditure level has been
22 reached and funds have been provided.

23 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 3-29-00 - DO
6 PASS, As Coauthored.