

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.508, as last amended by Section 25, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.508), which relates to the Oklahoma School Testing Program; discontinuing norm-referenced tests; modifying grade levels and configuration of criterion-referenced tests; stating purpose of tests; requiring State Board of Education to perform test development, implementation, evaluation, and correlation; providing for test at the end of instruction at the secondary level; requiring State Board of Education to ensure utilization of certain test data; providing for remediation and test retakes; prohibiting certain education function from qualifying as school day for state funding purposes; modifying reporting of test performances in the Oklahoma Educational Indicators program; encouraging certain use of test performance indices; modifying testing provisions for disabled students; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.541, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 1996 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.541), which relates to accountability in the Oklahoma School Testing Program; deleting identification of low performance on norm-referenced tests; requiring State Board of Education to implement certain performance levels known as the Oklahoma Performance Index on criterion-referenced tests; specifying methodology to set test performance levels; requiring State Board of Education to implement certain program of recognition and incentive; providing for certain financial awards subject to the availability of funds; specifying the determination, distribution and use of awards; setting standard for low performance on criterion-referenced tests; deleting provisions for identification of certain performance in small schools; deleting obsolete requirement for State Board of Education for criteria for identification of schools for certain purpose; modifying process for identification of low-performing and high-challenge schools; conforming State Board of Education test result reporting; requiring the State Board of Education to assign personnel to assist certain schools; amending Section 4, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.513), which relates to the National Assessment of Educational Progress; requiring a comparison of certain state curriculum standards to certain National Assessment of Educational Progress standards; requiring report; repealing Section 5, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1210.514), which relates to recommendations for test performance standards; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.