

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Local School Empowerment Act; providing short title; stating purpose; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-101.21, which relates to standards of teacher performance; requiring school districts to determine standards for dismissal and nonreemployment; deleting requirement for compliance with certain standards; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-101.22, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 411, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-101.22), which relates to grounds for dismissal or nonreemployment; modifying grounds for dismissal or nonreemployment; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-101.24, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 34, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-101.24), which relates to performance and conduct; modifying certain standard for recommendation to dismiss or not reemploy; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-101.25, which relates to recommendation of dismissal or not to reemploy; modifying standard for recommendation for certain teachers; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-101.26, which relates to right to hearing; modifying standard for certain notice for certain teachers; amending Section 35, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3-150), which relates to the Academic Performance Index; requiring the State Board of Education to allocate funds as incentive; providing for certain allocation of funds; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-141.2, which relates to incentive pay plans; modifying certain dates; deleting certain criteria for incentive pay plans; deleting requirement for local evaluation committee; amending Section 8, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 5-141.3), which relates to teacher incentive plans; changing nature of funds; requiring the State Board of Education to allocate funds for Teacher Incentive Pilot Programs; creating Administrative Cost Reduction Fund; providing for administration of fund; providing purpose of fund; requiring the State Board of Education to allocate funds for recruiting and hiring certain personnel; requiring the State Board of Education to promulgate rules for administration of funds; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-145, which relates to local school district foundations; requiring the State Board of Education to encourage foundations; adding exemption of certain funds from foundations; providing for certain use of funds; creating income tax credit for certain donations to local school district foundations; providing amount of credit; providing for distribution of credit; permitting credit to be carried forward; creating Local School District Foundation Fund; providing for revenue to, administration of, and purpose of fund; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.