STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2406 By: Nations

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Sections 1, 2 and 3, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 1210.701, 1210.702 and 1210.703), which relate to the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program; providing for test assistance for students taking multiple tests in one year; adding certain definitions; providing conditions for grants; authorizing the State Board of Education to award second grants to certain schools; modifying awards to allow for support of preadvanced placement courses and international baccalaureate courses; authorizing the Board to pay for test fees for students taking multiple tests in one year; authorizing the Board to award grants for advanced placement vertical teams; modifying test scores to include international baccalaureate tests; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.701), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.701 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to establish the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program, to be administered by the State Department of Education as provided in this act. The purpose of the program is to establish, organize, and administer a program designed to improve the course offerings available to high school students throughout the state and to prepare students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational environment. The Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program shall consist of the following components:

1. Financial assistance to public school teachers and schools to build and maintain successful Advanced Placement Programs; and

2. Test fee assistance to public school students in financial need or who take more than one advanced placement test in one (1) year.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.702), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.702 For purposes of the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program:

1. "Advanced placement course" means a high school level preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates all topics specified by the College Board and the Educational Testing Service on its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College Board;

2. "Preadvanced placement course" means a middle school, junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;

3. "Advanced placement vertical team" means a group of middle school or junior high school and high school educators in a given discipline who work cooperatively to develop and implement a vertically aligned program aimed at helping students acquire the academic skills necessary for success in the advanced placement program;

4. "Advanced placement test" means the advanced placement test administered by the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

~~3.~~ 5. "International baccalaureate course" means a high school level preparatory course for an international baccalaureate examination that incorporates each topic specified by the International Baccalaureate Organization on its standard syllabus for a particular subject area;

6. “International baccalaureate examination” means the international baccalaureate examination administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization;

7. "College Board" means the College Board and Educational Testing Service;

~~4.~~ 8. "Department" means the State Department of Education; and

~~5.~~ 9. "Program" means the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.703), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.703 A. Contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds designated for the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program, the State Board of Education is hereby authorized to award schools:

1. A one-time equipment and/or instructional materials grant for the purpose of providing an advanced placement course, based on criteria established by the Department. Schools which receive the grants shall:

a. offer the advanced placement courses beginning the school year following receipt of the grant. The advanced placement course shall be on the list of course offerings for the school each year thereafter as appropriate to the covered school curriculum,

b. provide the College Board training within one (1) year of the grant award, including at least a one-week summer institute. Teachers shall be encouraged to attend annual follow-up training, and

c. make available advanced placement examinations to all students taking the course for which a grant has been awarded;

2. Second grants to school sites demonstrating successful implementation, as defined by the State Board of Education, of the courses for which the first grants were awarded. Schools may qualify for the second grants four (4) years after receiving the first grant award;

3. Subsidized training for advanced placement courses, preadvanced placement courses, or international baccalaureate courses in a form, manner and time prescribed by the Department;

~~3.~~ 4. One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each score of three or better on an advanced placement test or four or better on an international baccalaureate examination; provided, these funds shall be used for the purpose of Advanced Placement Program development; ~~and~~

~~4.~~ 5. For those students who demonstrate financial need as defined by the College Board or the International Baccalaureate Organization, a share of the advanced placement test fee;

6. For those students who take more than one advanced placement test in one (1) year, a share of the advanced placement test fee in a manner prescribed by the Board; and

7. Grants for the purpose of developing an advanced placement vertical team based on criteria established by the Board.

B. Upon completion of the test, the State Department of Education shall obtain from the College Board and the International Baccalaureate Organization a list of students in Oklahoma who scored a three or higher on the advanced placement test or a four or higher on the international baccalaureate test. Financial incentives for schools provided in this section shall be awarded at the beginning of the next school year following the school year in which the test was taken.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. 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.

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