

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE BILL NO. 485

By: Williamson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 8, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 5-141.3), which relates to teacher incentive pay programs; directing State Board of Education to determine subject areas for which there is a teacher shortage and to notify school districts by certain date; authorizing school districts to create incentive pay plans for teacher shortages in certain subject areas; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 5-141.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-141.3 A. Teacher Incentive Pay programs that have been approved by the State Board of Education prior to implementation and have been evaluated by the State Board of Education to have successfully completed the year according to the approved district plan shall be eligible for partial reimbursement of incentive pay awards from the funds appropriated for Teacher Incentive Pilot Programs. Such state reimbursements shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the amount awarded to any teacher not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), whichever is less. Such reimbursements shall not be provided to more than fifty percent (50%) of the certified instructional staff of a school district. Application for reimbursement shall be submitted to the State Board of Education no later than July 1 of the year following the implementation year and reimbursement of approved claims shall occur no later than September 1.

B. For each school year, the State Board of Education shall determine the subject areas for which a teacher shortage exists. No later than April 1, the State Board shall notify school districts of the teacher shortage subject areas for the next school year. Each school district of this state is authorized and encouraged to create incentive pay plans to address teacher shortages for subject areas in which the State Board of Education determines there is a shortage. The incentive pay award reimbursement provision in subsection A of this section shall not apply to this subsection.

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.

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