ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1044

By: Erwin, Deutschendorf, Roan, Smith (Dale), Wells and Adair of the House

and

Rabon of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-110.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 1996 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 5-110.1), which relates to continuing education requirements for school board members; requiring continuing education to be completed before filing for reelection; updating statutory language; 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 5-110.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 178, O.S.L. 1996 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 5-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-110.1 A. In addition to the requirements of Section 5-110 of this title, every member of a school district board of education elected to a full term of office <u>of five (5) years or more</u> shall be required to attend a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of continuing education ~~during any full term of office of the member~~ <u>and each member elected to a full three-year term of office shall be required to attend a minimum of nine (9) hours of continuing education, prior to the date set for filing for reelection to that respective board seat</u>. The continuing education courses, local and state workshops, seminars, conferences, and conventions which shall satisfy the continuing education requirement shall be held within this state and shall be approved jointly by the State Department of Education and the State Department of ~~Vocational~~ <u>Career</u> and ~~Technical~~ <u>Technology</u> Education.

B. Local and state continuing education programs conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be held in all regions of the state at institutions of higher learning, ~~vocational-technical schools~~ area technology centers or other approved sites. Notice of such courses and seminars shall be provided to all school board members and to the public schools.

C. This section shall not apply to those school board members who file for reelection prior to July 1, 1991.

D. Failure by a board member to satisfy the continuing education requirements of this section shall result in the ineligibility of the member to run for reelection to the school district board of education.

E. The State Department of Education and any organization approved by the State Board of Education, including but not limited to institutions of higher education, may charge persons attending continuing education courses a registration fee sufficient to defray the estimated costs of presenting the course. The registration fees for each course shall be announced prior to the date of such course.

F. Any member of a school district board of education who attends and completes a course which satisfies in part or in full the requirements of this section shall be reimbursed by the school district for expenses incurred. In addition, a school district board of education may reimburse members of the board of education for expenses incurred in registering and attending board member training programs approved by the board which are in addition to the minimum school board training requirements established by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of February, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate