

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2000 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 18-114.7), which relates to the minimum salary schedule; changing the effective date of the schedule; establishing a minimum salary schedule for succeeding years; defining fringe benefits; providing for recognition of certain degrees; recognizing certain teaching experience for salary increments; directing the State Board of Education to award a signing bonus to certain entry-year teachers; stating eligibility requirements for signing bonus; providing for certain salary increment increase; prohibiting application of signing bonus for salary and retirement purposes; directing the Board to promulgate rules; providing for certain rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.