

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma English Immersion Education Act; providing definitions; requiring public school students to be taught in English; requiring English learners to be educated through sheltered English immersion; providing for a transition period; authorizing school districts to combine students and classes; providing for transfer to English language mainstream classrooms; providing for distribution of funding; providing an exception for certain students and classes; allowing certain parental waiver; requiring informed consent; providing for transfer of student when parental waiver is granted; providing circumstances for a parental exception waiver; stating rights to an English language public education; establishing legal standing of parents to enforce provisions of the Act; providing for certain damages; providing for liability of certain school officials; requiring monitoring of students through standardized testing; directing the State Board of Education to establish certain requirements; directing the State Department of Education to establish certain guidelines for certain monitoring; requiring an annual report by school districts; listing information to be included in the report; requiring the Board to submit an annual report on certain monies; providing for participation in certain professional development or training; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 11-102, which relates to instruction in the English language; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.