

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.561, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1996, Section 4, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 1992, Section 65, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994, Section 44, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1996, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2000 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1210.561, 1210.562, 1210.566 and 1210.568), which relate to alternative education; adding certain entity eligible for a grant award; providing criteria for grant awards; deleting category of student; modifying criteria for Alternative Approaches grants; providing criteria for High Challenge grants; modifying limitations for Alternative Approaches grants; adding certain criteria; deleting certain criteria; deleting obsolete language; requiring annual needs assessments by school districts; deleting Alternative Education Academies pilot programs from the statewide alternative education system; modifying alternative education program graduation requirements; modifying funding formula for alternative education programs; establishing certain base funding level; providing for distribution of certain remaining funds; limiting carryover of statewide alternative education funding; prohibiting certain uses of statewide alternative education funding; deleting certain yearly funding levels; stating legislative intent regarding expenditures for students in alternative education; allowing elementary school districts to request waiver from alternative education program requirements; prohibiting certain funding to school district granted a waiver; repealing Section 62, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1996 and Section 63, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 1210.563 and 1210.564), which relate to Alternative Education Academy grants; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.