

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1433

By: Pruitt

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-152, which relates to academic performance award programs; directing the State Board of Education to establish a Schools of Excellence award program; providing certain reward to schools identified as a School of Excellence; granting certain status to Schools of Excellence; requiring approval of district board of education; clarifying certain award delay; 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. 2001, Section 3-152, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-152. A. The State Board of Education shall develop an Academic Performance Award Program for school districts and individual school sites who meet or exceed the expected growth targets as established by the Board. Those districts or sites ~~who~~ that have not met their expected growth targets, but demonstrate significant growth as determined by the Board, shall be included in the performance award program, but receive a decreased award amount.

B. The State Board of Education shall establish as a part of the Academic Performance Award Program a "Schools of Excellence" award for those schools identified by the State Board as excelling as determined by the school's academic performance index developed pursuant to Section 3-150 of this title. As a reward for a school identified as a School of Excellence, each such school shall be granted the rights and benefits accorded to charter schools upon approval of the district board of education.

C. Implementation of monetary awards authorized by this section shall be delayed until the current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for the 1998-99 school year or any school year thereafter for Oklahoma, as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics annually in the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches at least ninety percent (90%) of the regional average expenditure for that same year, and funds are provided. For purposes of this section, the regional average expenditure shall consist of the current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for each of the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of each year, the State Board of Education shall report whether or not the ninety-percent expenditure level has been reached based on information reported annually in the Digest of Education Statistics by the National Center for Education Statistics. This section shall be implemented on July 1 after the first January 1 report verifies that the ninety-percent expenditure level has been reached and funds have been provided for the specific purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

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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