

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 496

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.531, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1210.531), which relates to the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program; changing date by which certain reports shall be published; updating certain reference; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.531, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1210.531), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.531 A. The Education Oversight Board shall establish an Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program. The purpose of the Program shall be to develop and implement a system of measures whereby the performance of public schools and school districts is assessed and reported without undue reliance upon any single type of indicator, and whereby the public, including students and parents, may be made aware of the proper meaning and use of any tests administered under the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act, relative accomplishments of the public schools, and of progress being achieved. The Board shall involve representatives of various organizations of school teachers and of school administrators in the development of the Program. The Program shall be so designed that use of standardized definitions and measures and opportunities for coordination with national reports, including those of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, are maximized.

B. The Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program shall present information for comparisons of graduation rates, dropout rates, pupil-teacher ratios, student enrollment gain and loss rates, and test results in the contexts of socioeconomic status and the finances of school districts. Information shall be provided individually for all public school sites and school districts in a format that facilitates comparisons. As necessary data become available, comparisons shall also be provided individually for all schools and school districts on a historical basis. Reports of all tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act, Section 1210.505 et seq. of this title, shall be a part of the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program and shall be provided for each grade and each test subject or set of competencies. The Education Oversight Board shall seek to develop and incorporate additional indicators of comparative standing and accomplishment.

C. ~~Additionally, the~~ The Education Oversight Board, with the cooperation of the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the State Board of ~~Vocational~~ Career and ~~Technical~~ Technology Education, shall develop procedures for obtaining and reporting data to the high schools and to the general public regarding the performance of each high school's graduates in Oklahoma's institutions of higher education and in postsecondary vocational-technical education. The Education Oversight Board shall include such data in the report of the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program.

D. By ~~February~~ January 1 of each year the Education Oversight Board shall publish:

1. A summary report to the people and Legislature of Oklahoma of the information provided by the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program; and

2. State, district, and site level reports which shall include the percentage of students who perform at the various levels on the tests required by the Oklahoma State Testing Program.

Immediately following the publication of the reports required in this subsection each year, all data gathered pursuant to the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program shall be made available for public inspection at the offices of the Education Oversight Board or the Office of Accountability; provided, confidentiality of individual student records shall be preserved as required by law.

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

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