

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 776

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring expenditure of funds for professional development in certain subject areas in certain districts; requiring approval of certain professional development programs and courses by the State Department of Education prior to expenditure of certain funds; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-194.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

State funds for professional development provided for a district or school site that has been identified as a low-performing or high challenge school shall be expended only for professional development in the subjects in which the school test scores were lowest. The professional development in low-performing or high challenge schools shall be focused on specific, higher-order teaching strategies and shall be delivered through innovative, interactive methods rather than traditional workshops or conferences. The professional development programs or courses for which the district wishes to expend state funds must be approved by the State Department of Education prior to implementation of the programs or courses. The State Department of Education shall not approve expenditure of state funds for professional development programs or courses for low-performing or high challenge schools that are not consistent with the requirements of this section.

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

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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