

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2601

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An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Board of Education to develop and administer professional development institutes to train teachers in certain language development issues; directing the State Department of Education to provide for the institutes; requiring institutes to meet or comply with certain criteria; prohibiting collection of tuition or fees from teachers; 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 6-200.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall develop, offer, and administer professional development institutes to provide teachers with the language development skills and knowledge necessary to teach students who have limited English proficiency or for whom English is a second language including, but not limited to, knowledge of the basic nature of language and language acquisition, the ability to utilize teaching methods appropriate to various groups of second-language learners, and the ability to organize, plan, and teach specific lessons in a manner comprehensible to students with limited English proficiency. The institutes shall be offered by or through the State Department of Education. The institutes shall meet or comply with the criteria for professional development institutes as set forth in subsection A of Section 6-200

of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All costs of the institute shall be included in the contract price and no tuition or registration fee shall be collected from teachers attending the institutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

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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