

CS for SB 756

THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Committee Substitute for
Senate Bill No. 756

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 756 - By: WILLIAMS of the Senate and ROBERTS and McINTYRE of the House.

[schools - summer academy programs - interventions - effective date - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.508E, as last amended by Section 25, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1210.508E), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.508E A. A teacher who determines a third-grade student is unable to meet competencies required for reading and mathematics for completion of third grade and promotion to fourth grade, shall have the authority to recommend that the promotion of the student to the fourth grade is contingent upon the participation in and successful completion of the required competencies for reading and mathematics by the student at a summer academy or other immediate interventions designed to bring the student up to grade level prior to the end of the school year. If the student does not successfully complete the competencies in the summer academy, the student shall be retained in the third grade. Summer academy programs shall be designed to ensure that participating students

1 successfully complete the competencies necessary in reading and
2 mathematics for promotion to fourth grade and to enhance next-grade
3 readiness.

4 B. Beginning one (1) year after implementation of this section
5 as provided for in ~~subsections~~ subsection C ~~and D~~ of this section,
6 the requirements of subsection A of this section shall be expanded
7 to apply to fourth-grade students being promoted to fifth grade.
8 Each year thereafter, the requirements shall be expanded by one
9 grade level until the requirements apply to third-grade students
10 through eighth-grade students. Summer academy programs shall be
11 designed for each grade level.

12 ~~C. Implementation of this section shall be contingent upon the~~
13 ~~appropriation by the Legislature of state funds for the specific~~
14 ~~purpose of implementing this section. Nothing in this section shall~~
15 ~~prevent the State Board of Education or a school district board of~~
16 ~~education from utilizing private, local, or federal funds to~~
17 ~~implement this section.~~

18 ~~D.~~ Implementation of this section shall be delayed until the
19 current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public
20 elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for the 1998-
21 99 school year or any school year thereafter for Oklahoma, as
22 reported by the National Center for Education Statistics annually in
23 the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches at least ninety percent

1 (90%) of the regional average expenditure for that same year, and
2 funds are provided. For purposes of this section, the regional
3 average expenditure shall consist of the current expenditure per
4 pupil in average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary
5 schools in unadjusted dollars for each of the following states:
6 Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and
7 Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of each year, the State
8 Board of Education shall report whether or not the ninety-percent
9 expenditure level has been reached based on information reported
10 annually in the Digest of Education Statistics by the National
11 Center for Education Statistics. This section shall be implemented
12 on July 1 after the first January 1 report verifies that the ninety-
13 percent expenditure level has been reached and funds have been
14 provided for the specific purposes of this section.

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

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-04 - DO
21 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.