

An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1-109), which relates to the length of a school year; updating statutory language; establishing a starting date of the school year; providing exceptions to the starting date for certain activities; allowing an exception for a school district upon approval of the State Board of Education; requiring submission of a request; limiting approval; directing the Board to adopt rules; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-116, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 437, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 3-116), which relates to the Education Oversight Board; deleting governing responsibility over the Office of Accountability; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-117, which relates to the Office of Accountability; abolishing the Office of Accountability; transferring powers and duties of the Office to the State Board of Education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-118, which relates to the Secretary of Education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-118.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 446, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 3-118.1), which relates to budget and operations performance reviews; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-143, which relates to a charter school report; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-122.3, which relates to alternative placement teaching certificate; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-103.1, which relates to dropout recovery grants; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.508, which relates to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.531, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 453, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1210.531), which relates to the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.566, which relates to needs assessment plans for alternative education; deleting references to the Office of Accountability; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 41.29a, which relates to the Education Reform Revolving Fund; transferring duties to account for and track funds to the State Board of Education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 6-185 and 6-194, which relate to teacher preparation and professional development; requiring competencies and professional development on certain classroom management and student discipline skills; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 16-101, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 and 16-102 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 16-101), which relate to the State Textbook Committee; modifying qualifications for members; modifying textbook subject area adoption cycles; authorizing the Committee to extend certain adoption periods for certain reasons; providing for the recovery of certain costs and attorney fees by school districts in certain circumstances; allowing a court to impose civil sanctions in certain circumstances; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 600, 601.3 and 601.4, which relate to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; deleting certain definitions; deleting references to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; abolishing the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; transferring powers and duties of the Commission to the Department of Human Services; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 601.6, which relates to the Office of Juvenile System Oversight; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 601.6a, 601.6b and 601.9, which relate to the Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to Children and Youth; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 601.11 and 601.12, which relate to community partnership districts for services to children and youth; deleting references to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; replacing the Commission with the Department of Human Services; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-116, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section

3-116), which relates to the Education Oversight Board; repealing 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 601.1, 601.2, 601.5 and 601.10, which relate to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; providing for codification; providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.