

An Act relating to schools; creating the Teacher Retention Act; providing short title; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 3-150 and 3-152, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 3-152), which relate to the Academic Performance Index; clarifying test results to be included in Academic Performance Index; removing certain implementation contingency provision; requiring State Board of Education to develop certain program; stating qualification criteria; stating certain benefits of program; providing certain exceptions; stating requirements for continuation in program; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 15-106.1, which relates to equipment purchases with bonds; authorizing classroom materials to be included in definition of equipment; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 17-116.10, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 198, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 17-116.10), which relates to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; deleting obsolete references to the Social Security Earnings Limitation; lowering limit on certain post retirement earnings; deleting obsolete language; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-114.7, which relates to the teachers minimum salary schedule; providing certain salary increases; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 509.6, which relates to good faith negotiations with bargaining unit; excluding certain items from negotiations; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.531, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 453, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1210.531), which relates to the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program; requiring inclusion of Academic Performance Index in certain report; making appropriation to the State Department of Education; stating purpose; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 6-101.20, 6-101.21, 6-101.22, 6-101.23, 6-101.24, 6-101.25, 6-101.26, 6-101.27, 6-101.28, 6-101.29 and 6-101.30, which relate to the Teacher Due Process Act; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.