

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE BILL HB2465:

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 509.8, which relates to illegal strikes; making strikes by education employee organizations legal; deleting prohibition for paying wages during a strike; changing recognition of and requirement to negotiate with striking organizations; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 509.8, is amended to read as follows:

Section 509.8 The procedure provided for herein for resolving impasses shall be the exclusive recourse of the organization. It shall be ~~illegal~~ legal for the organization to strike or threaten to strike as a means of resolving differences with the board of education. ~~Any member of an organization engaging in a strike shall be denied the full amount of his wages during the period of such violation.~~ If the organization or its members engage in a strike, then the organization shall not cease to be recognized as representative of the unit and the school district shall ~~be relieved of the duty~~ continue to negotiate with ~~such~~ the organization or its representatives.

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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