ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2693

By: Jones, Cargill, Peters, Smaligo, Trebilcock, Sullivan, Peterson (Pam), Dank and Kern of the House

and

Williamson of the Senate

( schools - amending 70 O.S., Section 3-152.1 - Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program - awards - effective date -

emergency )

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 466, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 3-152.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-152.1 A. The State Board of Education shall develop an Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program. The AAA program shall provide monetary awards to qualified employees at the top three schools that attain the highest overall student achievement and the top three schools that attain the highest annual improvement in student achievement as measured by the Academic Performance Index (API) in each of five groups based on average daily membership (ADM) as provided for in subsection C of this section. The AAA program shall also provide monetary awards to qualified employees at all schools that attain a total API score of seven hundred fifty (750) or higher for all students tested and at all schools that attain a total API score of one thousand five hundred (1,500) for regular education students tested.

B. 1. No later than January 31 of each year, the State Board of Education shall provide a monetary award to all qualified employees at school sites designated as recipients of the Academic Achievement Award as calculated pursuant to this section.

2. The Board shall determine the amount of funds available for the AAA program, which shall include funds appropriated for the AAA program and may include other funds identified by the Board, which may be used for this purpose.

3. a. The Board shall determine the top three school ~~site~~ sites in each of the groups as designated in subsection C of this section that ~~has~~ have achieved the highest overall student achievement as measured by the API as calculated pursuant to Section 3-150 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

b. The Board shall determine the top three school ~~site~~ sites in each of the groups as designated in subsection C of this section that ~~has~~ have achieved the highest annual percentage improvement in student achievement as measured by the API score as compared to the previous year.

c. The Board shall determine the school sites that have an API score of seven hundred fifty (750) or higher for all students tested.

d. The Board shall determine the school sites that have an API score of one thousand five hundred (1,500) for regular education students tested.

e. In the event of tie scores, the Board shall select the school with the highest annual percentage improvement in student achievement as measured by the API score as compared to the previous year. If a tie still exists, the Board shall select the school with the highest annual percentage improvement in reading achievement

as measured by the reading assessments administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

f. Any school site that qualifies for an award as provided for in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph shall not be entitled to an award as provided for in subparagraphs c and d of this paragraph. Any school site that qualifies for an award as provided for in subparagraph d of this paragraph shall not be entitled to an award as provided for in subparagraph c of this paragraph.

4. a. The amount of ~~funds available shall be divided by the total number of qualified employees at each of the schools identified as award recipients to determine the amount of the~~ monetary award to be paid to each qualified employee at each school identified as an award recipient as determined pursuant to subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be as follows:

(1) Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) for each first place school,

(2) Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) for each second place school, and

(3) One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) for each third place school.

b. The amount of monetary award to be paid to each qualified employee at each school identified as an award recipient as determined pursuant to subparagraph c of paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00).

c. The amount of monetary award to be paid to each qualified employee at each school identified as an

award recipient as determined pursuant to subparagraph d of paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.000).

C. Groups shall be designated based on average daily membership (ADM) as follows:

1. Group 1 – 0 to 135 ADM;

2. Group 2 – 136 to 235 ADM;

3. Group 3 – 236 to 345 ADM;

4. Group 4 – 346 to 505 ADM; and

5. Group 5 – 506 or more ADM.

D. For purposes of this section, "qualified employees" means all certified personnel employed for at least one-half (1/2) of the school year from which the student test data was derived and at least one-half (1/2) of the school year during which the awards provided for in this section will be paid.

E. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of awards pursuant to this section. Awards shall not be included in the calculation of ~~a teacher's~~ the salary of the teacher for purposes of meeting the district or statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System contributions or benefits.

F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate