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Committee Substitute for  
Senate Bill No. 1644

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1644 - By: PADDACK and GUMM  
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[ schools - mentor teacher stipend - Education Leadership  
Oklahoma Act - School Consolidation Assistance Fund -  
teacher minimum salary schedule - alternative education -  
support employee wages - codification - effective date -  
emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-106.1, as  
amended by Section 29, Chapter 415, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005,  
Section 6-106.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-106.1 If funds are appropriated to the State Board of  
Education for Mentor Teacher Stipends, the funds shall be  
distributed by the Board to the school districts to provide a  
stipend of not more than ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ One Thousand  
Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each mentor teacher as defined in Section 6-  
182 of this title. In addition to the distribution of the ~~five-~~  
~~hundred-dollar~~ stipend, each district shall also receive the  
district's contribution amount necessary to meet the Federal  
Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.) requirements.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.1, as  
2 amended by Section 22, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005,  
3 Section 6-204.1), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 6-204.1 For purposes of the Education Leadership  
5 Oklahoma Act:

6 1. "Salary bonus" means additional monies granted to teachers  
7 maintaining National Board certification ~~subject to the availability~~  
8 ~~of funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature to the State~~  
9 ~~Board of Education for that purpose;~~

10 2. "Certification" means National Board certification;

11 3. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher  
12 Preparation;

13 4. "National Board" means the National Board for Professional  
14 Teaching Standards;

15 5. "National Board certification" means National Board  
16 certification as provided by the National Board for Professional  
17 Teaching Standards; and

18 6. "Teacher" means a classroom teacher, counselor, or librarian  
19 employed by a public school district on a full-time basis.

20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.2, as  
21 last amended by Section 23, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.  
22 2005, Section 6-204.2), is amended to read as follows:

1           Section 6-204.2 A. ~~Subject to the availability of funds, the~~  
2 The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and the State Board  
3 of Education are authorized to establish the Education Leadership  
4 Oklahoma program.

5           B. The purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
6 are:

7           1. Provide teachers throughout the state information about  
8 National Board certification and the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
9 program scholarships and services;

10          2. Provide technical assistance and National Board certified  
11 mentors to all teachers seeking National Board certification upon  
12 request;

13          3. Provide scholarships, pursuant to the Education Leadership  
14 Oklahoma Act and Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation rules,  
15 for teachers seeking National Board certification;

16          4. Provide a bonus to teachers who achieve National Board  
17 certification pursuant to the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act and  
18 State Board of Education rules;

19          5. Reward teachers who achieve National Board certification  
20 without the financial support of the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
21 program by awarding them the application fee and the amount of the  
22 scholarship given to Education Leadership Oklahoma participants  
23 pursuant to this section and commission rules; and

1           6. Provide recognition to National Board certified teachers.

2           C. To fulfill the objectives of the Education Leadership

3 Oklahoma Act, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall:

4           1. Inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program

5 and the scholarships and services it provides to teachers seeking

6 National Board certification;

7           2. Collect and review applications to the scholarship program

8 from interested teachers;

9           3. Establish an applicant review committee for the purpose of

10 identifying scholarship recipients pursuant to the Education

11 Leadership Oklahoma Act for the Education Leadership Oklahoma

12 program; and

13           4. Ensure that all scholarship recipients, ~~alternates,~~ and

14 teachers seeking National Board certification independently receive

15 adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to

16 acquire National Board certification.

17           D. The applicant review committee shall:

18           1. Consist of:

19               a. five classroom teachers appointed by the State Board

20               of Education, at least one of whom shall be a National

21               Board certified teacher, if available,

22               b. five classroom teachers appointed by the Oklahoma

23               Commission for Teacher Preparation, at least one of

1                   whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
2                   available,

3           c.   three classroom teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
4           State Regents for Higher Education, at least one of  
5           whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
6           available, and

7           d.   a chair to be designated by the Executive Director of  
8           the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation from  
9           among the appointed members; and

10        2.   Select up to ~~two hundred teachers for the 1999-00 class, up~~  
11 ~~to~~ four hundred teachers ~~beginning with the 2000-01 class and every~~  
12 ~~year thereafter~~, and the appropriate number of alternates, each year  
13 who:

14           a.   have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in  
15           teaching,

16           b.   meet all eligibility requirements for potential  
17           certification as established by the National Board for  
18           Professional Teaching Standards,

19           c.   are employed in an Oklahoma public school, and

20           d.   meet other requirements of the Commission.

21        E.   ~~Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the~~  
22 ~~Legislature for the purposes of this subsection, the~~ The application  
23 fee for National Board certification shall be paid for scholarship

1 recipients by the Commission, and scholarship recipients shall be  
2 provided a scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars  
3 (\$500.00) to cover other expenses associated with obtaining National  
4 Board certification.

5 F. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma  
6 Commission for Teacher Preparation contract with Southeastern  
7 Oklahoma State University to establish Education Leadership Oklahoma  
8 program training in higher education teacher preparation programs in  
9 the state to assist teachers in meeting the requirements to obtain  
10 National Board certification.

11 G. All teachers seeking National Board certification shall be  
12 eligible to participate in Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
13 training to assist them in meeting the requirements of the National  
14 Board certification process, free of charge.

15 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall  
16 promulgate rules for the selection of scholarship recipients, the  
17 selection and utilization of alternates, the payment and  
18 reimbursement of application fees, and the issuance of scholarships.

19 I. Subject to district board of education policy or collective  
20 bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be  
21 granted to teachers seeking National Board certification for  
22 National Board certification portfolio development. During the two  
23 (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for

1 National Board certification portfolio development, a substitute  
2 teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the  
3 teacher.

4 J. The State Board of Education shall provide all teachers who  
5 attain National Board certification a bonus ~~in the amount of Five~~  
6 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ annually no later than January 31 for  
7 as long as they maintain their National Board certification and are  
8 teaching in the classroom full-time in an Oklahoma public school  
9 according to the following schedule:

10 1. Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) no later  
11 than January 31, 2007, and

12 2. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) no later than January 31,  
13 2008, and each year thereafter.

14 No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
15 bonuses pursuant to this section.

16 K. The bonus shall not be included in the calculation of the  
17 teacher's salary for purposes of meeting the district or statutory  
18 minimum salary schedule or for purposes of compensating Oklahoma  
19 Teachers' Retirement System contributions or benefits.

20 L. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for the  
21 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not  
22 be limited to, a process by which a National Board certified teacher  
23 will verify that:

1       1. The National Board certification has not lapsed; and

2       2. The teacher is still a full-time teacher.

3       M. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State  
4 Regents for Higher Education incorporate the National Board  
5 certification portfolio development into all programs in education  
6 leading to a master's level degree.

7       ~~N. Upon implementation of this subsection as provided for in  
8 subsections O and P of this section, the State Board of Education  
9 shall provide all teachers who attain National Board certification a  
10 bonus in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) annually  
11 no later than January 31 for as long as they maintain their National  
12 Board certification and are full-time teachers in an Oklahoma public  
13 school. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
14 bonuses pursuant to this section. Upon implementation, the bonus  
15 provided for in this subsection shall replace the bonus provided for  
16 in subsection J of this section.~~

17       ~~O. Implementation of subsection N of this section shall be  
18 contingent upon the appropriation by the Legislature of state funds  
19 for the specific purpose of implementing subsection N of this  
20 section. Nothing in this section shall prevent the State Board of  
21 Education or a school district board of education from utilizing  
22 private, local, or federal funds to implement subsection N of this  
23 section.~~

1       ~~P. Implementation of subsection N of this section shall be~~  
2 ~~delayed until the current expenditure per pupil in average daily~~  
3 ~~attendance in public elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted~~  
4 ~~dollars for the 1998-99 school year or any school year thereafter~~  
5 ~~for Oklahoma, as reported by the National Center for Education~~  
6 ~~Statistics annually in the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches~~  
7 ~~at least ninety percent (90%) of the regional average expenditure~~  
8 ~~for that same year, and funds are provided. For purposes of this~~  
9 ~~subsection, the regional average expenditure shall consist of the~~  
10 ~~current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public~~  
11 ~~elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for each of~~  
12 ~~the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New~~  
13 ~~Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of~~  
14 ~~each year, the State Board of Education shall report whether or not~~  
15 ~~the ninety-percent expenditure level has been reached based on~~  
16 ~~information reported annually in the Digest of Education Statistics~~  
17 ~~by the National Center for Education Statistics. Subsection N of~~  
18 ~~this section shall be implemented on July 1 after the first January~~  
19 ~~1 report verifies that the ninety-percent expenditure level has been~~  
20 ~~reached and funds have been provided for the specific purposes of~~  
21 ~~the section.~~

1 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 311, O.S.L.  
2 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 6-206), is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 Section 6-206. A. ~~Subject to the availability of funds, the~~  
5 The State Board of Education shall provide an annual salary bonus in  
6 the amount of ~~Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ Seven Thousand Five  
7 Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) no later than January 31 ~~of each year,~~  
8 2007, to the following employees of public school districts:

9 1. Any school psychologist who has been designated as a  
10 Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National School  
11 Psychology Certification Board; and

12 2. Any speech-language pathologist or audiologist who holds a  
13 Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech-  
14 Language Hearing Association.

15 B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the  
16 provision of the bonus pursuant to this act to include, but not be  
17 limited to, a process by which a nationally certified school  
18 psychologist, speech-language pathologist and audiologist may verify  
19 that:

20 1. The individual is still employed full-time by a school  
21 district;

22 2. The certification required in subsection A of this section  
23 has been attained and has not lapsed; and

1           3. The individual is licensed to practice in this state.

2           C. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
3 bonuses pursuant to this section. The bonus shall not be included  
4 in the calculation of salary for purposes of meeting the district or  
5 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating  
6 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

7           D. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A of  
8 this section shall be increased to ~~Seven Thousand Dollars~~  
9 ~~(\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2~~  
10 ~~of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Ten Thousand Dollars  
11 (\$10,000.00) no later than January 31, 2008, and each year  
12 thereafter.

13           SECTION 5.           AMENDATORY           70 O.S. 2001, Section 7-203, as  
14 amended by Section 3, Chapter 296, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005,  
15 Section 7-203), is amended to read as follows:

16           Section 7-203. A. There is hereby created in the State  
17 Treasury a fund to be designated the "School Consolidation  
18 Assistance Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject  
19 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of any monies the  
20 Legislature may appropriate or transfer to the fund and any monies  
21 contributed for the fund from any other source, public or private.

22           B. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby  
23 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Board of

1 Education for the purposes established by this section, the  
2 Legislature and in accordance with rules promulgated by the State  
3 Board of Education. The purposes shall be to provide voluntarily  
4 consolidated school districts or districts who have received part or  
5 all of the territory and part or all of the students of a school  
6 district dissolved by voluntary annexation, during the first year of  
7 consolidation or annexation, except as provided for in subsection H  
8 of this section, with a single one-year allocation of funds needed  
9 for:

10 1. Purchase of uniform textbooks in cases where the several  
11 districts were not using the same textbooks prior to consolidation  
12 or annexation;

13 2. Employment of certified personnel required to teach courses  
14 of the district for which personnel from the districts consolidated  
15 or annexed are not certified and available;

16 3. Employment assistance for personnel of the several districts  
17 who are not employed by the consolidated or annexing district.  
18 Employment assistance may include provision of a severance allowance  
19 for administrators, teachers and support personnel not to exceed  
20 eighty percent (80%) of the individual's salary or wages, exclusive  
21 of fringe benefits, for the school year preceding the consolidation  
22 or annexation. Personnel receiving such severance pay may  
23 accumulate one (1) year of creditable service for retirement

1 purposes. Employment assistance may also include the payment of  
2 unemployment compensation benefits. The State Board of Education  
3 shall provide a severance allowance to employees dismissed from  
4 employment due to annexation or consolidation of a school district  
5 in the year of the annexation or consolidation and who were denied a  
6 severance allowance or unemployment compensation benefits and the  
7 voluntary consolidation funding of the annexing or consolidating  
8 district or districts has been paid on or after July 1, 2003, at the  
9 maximum allowable amount. Application for a severance allowance  
10 shall be made to the Finance Division of the State Department of  
11 Education by the dismissed employee no later than September 1 of the  
12 fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which the  
13 annexation or consolidation occurred;

14 4. Furnishing and equipping classrooms and laboratories;

15 5. Purchase of additional transportation equipment; and

16 6. When deemed essential by the State Board of Education to  
17 achieve consolidation or combination by annexation, renovation of  
18 existing school buildings and construction or other acquisition of  
19 school buildings; provided, a consolidated district or annexing  
20 district shall not be eligible for any monies for renovation or  
21 construction or other acquisition of school buildings pursuant to  
22 the Oklahoma School Voluntary Consolidation and Annexation Act until  
23 the board of education and the electors of the newly formed district

1 or annexing district approve all the maximum levies allowable  
2 pursuant to subsections (a), (c), (d) and (d-1) of Section 9 of  
3 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution and Section 10 of Article X  
4 of the Oklahoma Constitution and until the newly formed district or  
5 annexing district incurs at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the  
6 maximum indebtedness, including existing indebtedness, allowable  
7 under Section 26 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution.

8 C. The State Board of Education shall only make allocations  
9 from the fund to school districts formed from the combination of two  
10 or more of the districts whose boards of education notify the State  
11 Board of Education on or before June 30 of their intent to annex or  
12 consolidate and are subsequently combined by such means by January 1  
13 of the second year following the notification of intent. ~~If the~~  
14 ~~boards of education of more than two hundred fifty such districts~~  
15 ~~apply, allocations will be made only to districts formed from the~~  
16 ~~combination of two or more of the first two hundred fifty such~~  
17 ~~districts making application.~~

18 D. Allocations will be made to school districts formed by  
19 consolidation or which have received part or all of the territory  
20 and students of a school district by annexation on the basis of  
21 combined average daily membership (ADM) of the second school year  
22 preceding the first year of operation of the school district  
23 resulting from the consolidation or annexation; provided, not more

1 than five hundred ADM of any one school district shall be counted in  
2 determining the combined ADM of any district formed by consolidation  
3 or which has received part or all of the territory and students of a  
4 school district by annexation. ~~Except as provided for in subsection~~  
5 ~~H of this section, the~~ The ADM of any one school district shall not  
6 be considered more than once for allocations from the fund when the  
7 school district annexes to or consolidates with two or more school  
8 districts.

9 E. To calculate combined ADM in cases where a school district  
10 annexes to two or more school districts, allocations from the fund  
11 shall be based on the lesser of:

12 1. The annexing school district's ADM as limited by this  
13 section plus the number of students from the annexed school district  
14 that the annexing school district will gain; or

15 2. The ADM as limited by this section that the annexing school  
16 district is gaining from the annexed school district plus the  
17 annexing school district's ADM as multiplied by the percentage of  
18 students the annexing school district is receiving from the annexed  
19 school district of all annexing school districts; provided the  
20 annexing school district's ADM thus calculated shall not exceed five  
21 hundred (500).

22 F. Allocations from the fund shall be calculated by multiplying  
23 the combined ADM by:

- 1        1. ~~Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ One Thousand Dollars  
2        (\$1,000.00) when two districts are combined;
- 3        2. ~~Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)~~ One Thousand Two Hundred  
4        Dollars (\$1,200.00) when three districts are combined;
- 5        3. ~~Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00)~~ One Thousand Four Hundred  
6        Dollars (\$1,400.00) when four districts are combined; and
- 7        4. ~~Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00)~~ One Thousand Six Hundred  
8        Dollars (\$1,600.00) when five or more districts are combined.

9        Allocations, nevertheless, shall be limited to the amount justified  
10       for meeting eligible needs as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 6 of  
11       subsection B of this section. If monies in the School Consolidation  
12       Assistance Fund are insufficient to make allocations to all  
13       qualified combined districts, allocations shall be made based upon  
14       earliest date of application.

15       G. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants  
16       issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
17       law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

18       H. Any school district which was consolidated or which  
19       participated in an annexation in 2004 shall be eligible to receive  
20       funds from the School Consolidation Assistance Fund as provided in  
21       subsection F of this section.

1 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 10-105.3, as  
2 amended by Section 2, Chapter 437, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005,  
3 Section 10-105.3), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 10-105.3 A. The State Board of Education shall develop  
5 and implement a program of parent education which provides practical  
6 information and guidance to parents regarding the development of  
7 language, cognition, social skills, and motor development of young  
8 children. The program shall be ~~phased in so that services will be~~  
9 available to parents of children under age ~~three (3)~~ four (4) in all  
10 school districts ~~identified by the Board as having the greatest~~  
11 ~~numbers of children whose education is considered to be high~~  
12 ~~challenge. As funds are available, beginning with the 1992-93~~  
13 ~~school year, the Board shall expand the program so that services~~  
14 ~~will be available to the school sites identified by the Board as~~  
15 ~~having the greatest percentage of children qualifying for the free~~  
16 ~~or reduced school lunch program. The Board shall expand the program~~  
17 ~~each year if funding is available to ensure that a parent education~~  
18 ~~program is available to all school districts. In evaluating new~~  
19 ~~funding requests, priority~~ Priority consideration for funding  
20 requests shall be given to programs demonstrating the greatest need  
21 as determined by the proportion of children qualifying for the free  
22 or reduced school lunch program combined with the greatest  
23 commitment of community, foundation, and corporate support.

1           B. The program shall emphasize the importance of the parents of  
2 children as a child's first and most influential teachers. The  
3 parent education programs currently offered in other states should  
4 be examined as possible models for the Oklahoma program.

5           C. The State Board of Education shall contract with an  
6 organization to provide for technical assistance for a field  
7 operations center to coordinate the Oklahoma Parents as Teachers  
8 Program. To be eligible for a technical assistance contract, an  
9 applicant must be an affiliate member of a national organization or  
10 association providing parent education training, must have at least  
11 two (2) years' experience in implementation of a Parents as Teachers  
12 Program, and must have at least one staff member with a degree above  
13 the baccalaureate level who has expertise in Child Development or  
14 Early Childhood Education. Technical assistance shall include  
15 assistance with training on program organization, management,  
16 implementation, and fundraising techniques for groups seeking to  
17 implement Parents as Teachers Programs and existing Parents as  
18 Teachers Programs throughout the state. The technical assistance  
19 provider shall compile a report, utilizing data collected from the  
20 State Department of Education and the Child Service Demonstration  
21 Center, on the status of Parents as Teachers Programs in Oklahoma,  
22 including the locations and descriptions of the programs, the  
23 sources of funding for the programs, and pending applications for

1 funding. The report shall be filed on or before April 1 of each  
2 year with the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of  
3 Education.

4 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 503, O.S.L.  
5 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 18-114.12), is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 Section 18-114.12 A. For the 2005-06 school year, teachers in  
8 the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe  
9 benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following  
10 schedule:

11 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

12 Years of	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
13 Experience	Degree	Degree	Degree
14 0	\$28,000	\$29,200	\$30,400
15 1	\$28,375	\$29,575	\$30,775
16 2	\$28,750	\$29,950	\$31,150
17 3	\$29,125	\$30,325	\$31,525
18 4	\$29,500	\$30,700	\$31,900
19 5	\$29,900	\$31,100	\$32,300
20 6	\$30,300	\$31,500	\$32,700
21 7	\$30,700	\$31,900	\$33,100
22 8	\$31,100	\$32,300	\$33,500
23 9	\$31,500	\$32,700	\$33,900

1	10	\$31,925	\$33,125	\$34,325
2	11	\$32,350	\$33,550	\$34,750
3	12	\$32,775	\$33,975	\$35,175
4	13	\$33,200	\$34,400	\$35,600
5	14	\$33,625	\$34,825	\$36,025
6	15	\$34,050	\$35,250	\$36,450
7	16	\$34,475	\$35,675	\$36,875
8	17	\$34,900	\$36,100	\$37,300
9	18	\$35,325	\$36,525	\$37,725
10	19	\$35,750	\$36,950	\$38,150
11	20	\$36,175	\$37,375	\$38,575
12	21	\$36,600	\$37,800	\$39,000
13	22	\$37,025	\$38,225	\$39,425
14	23	\$37,450	\$38,650	\$39,850
15	24	\$37,875	\$39,075	\$40,275
16	25	\$38,300	\$39,500	\$40,700

17 B. For the 2006-07 school year, teachers in the public schools  
18 of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less  
19 than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

20 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

21 Years of	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
22 Experience	Degree	Degree	Degree
23 0	<del>\$28,425</del>	<del>\$29,625</del>	<del>\$30,825</del>

1	<del>1</del>	<del>\$28,850</del>	<del>\$30,050</del>	<del>\$31,250</del>
2	<del>2</del>	<del>\$29,275</del>	<del>\$30,475</del>	<del>\$31,675</del>
3	<del>3</del>	<del>\$29,700</del>	<del>\$30,900</del>	<del>\$32,100</del>
4	<del>4</del>	<del>\$30,125</del>	<del>\$31,325</del>	<del>\$32,525</del>
5	<del>5</del>	<del>\$30,575</del>	<del>\$31,775</del>	<del>\$32,975</del>
6	<del>6</del>	<del>\$31,025</del>	<del>\$32,225</del>	<del>\$33,425</del>
7	<del>7</del>	<del>\$31,475</del>	<del>\$32,675</del>	<del>\$33,875</del>
8	<del>8</del>	<del>\$31,925</del>	<del>\$33,125</del>	<del>\$34,325</del>
9	<del>9</del>	<del>\$32,375</del>	<del>\$33,575</del>	<del>\$34,775</del>
10	<del>10</del>	<del>\$32,850</del>	<del>\$34,050</del>	<del>\$35,250</del>
11	<del>11</del>	<del>\$33,325</del>	<del>\$34,525</del>	<del>\$35,725</del>
12	<del>12</del>	<del>\$33,800</del>	<del>\$35,000</del>	<del>\$36,200</del>
13	<del>13</del>	<del>\$34,275</del>	<del>\$35,475</del>	<del>\$36,675</del>
14	<del>14</del>	<del>\$34,750</del>	<del>\$35,950</del>	<del>\$37,150</del>
15	<del>15</del>	<del>\$35,225</del>	<del>\$36,425</del>	<del>\$37,625</del>
16	<del>16</del>	<del>\$35,700</del>	<del>\$36,900</del>	<del>\$38,100</del>
17	<del>17</del>	<del>\$36,175</del>	<del>\$37,375</del>	<del>\$38,575</del>
18	<del>18</del>	<del>\$36,650</del>	<del>\$37,850</del>	<del>\$39,050</del>
19	<del>19</del>	<del>\$37,125</del>	<del>\$38,325</del>	<del>\$39,525</del>
20	<del>20</del>	<del>\$37,600</del>	<del>\$38,800</del>	<del>\$40,000</del>
21	<del>21</del>	<del>\$38,075</del>	<del>\$39,275</del>	<del>\$40,475</del>
22	<del>22</del>	<del>\$38,550</del>	<del>\$39,750</del>	<del>\$40,950</del>
23	<del>23</del>	<del>\$39,025</del>	<del>\$40,225</del>	<del>\$41,425</del>

1	<del>24</del>	<del>\$39,500</del>	<del>\$40,700</del>	<del>\$41,900</del>
2	<del>25</del>	<del>\$39,975</del>	<del>\$41,175</del>	<del>\$42,375</del>
3	<u>0</u>	<u>\$31,425</u>	<u>\$35,625</u>	<u>\$41,825</u>
4	<u>1</u>	<u>\$31,850</u>	<u>\$36,050</u>	<u>\$42,250</u>
5	<u>2</u>	<u>\$32,275</u>	<u>\$36,475</u>	<u>\$42,675</u>
6	<u>3</u>	<u>\$32,700</u>	<u>\$36,900</u>	<u>\$43,100</u>
7	<u>4</u>	<u>\$33,125</u>	<u>\$37,325</u>	<u>\$43,525</u>
8	<u>5</u>	<u>\$33,575</u>	<u>\$37,775</u>	<u>\$43,975</u>
9	<u>6</u>	<u>\$34,025</u>	<u>\$38,225</u>	<u>\$44,425</u>
10	<u>7</u>	<u>\$34,475</u>	<u>\$38,675</u>	<u>\$44,875</u>
11	<u>8</u>	<u>\$34,925</u>	<u>\$39,125</u>	<u>\$45,325</u>
12	<u>9</u>	<u>\$35,375</u>	<u>\$39,575</u>	<u>\$45,775</u>
13	<u>10</u>	<u>\$35,850</u>	<u>\$40,050</u>	<u>\$46,250</u>
14	<u>11</u>	<u>\$36,325</u>	<u>\$40,525</u>	<u>\$46,725</u>
15	<u>12</u>	<u>\$36,800</u>	<u>\$41,000</u>	<u>\$47,200</u>
16	<u>13</u>	<u>\$37,275</u>	<u>\$41,475</u>	<u>\$47,675</u>
17	<u>14</u>	<u>\$37,750</u>	<u>\$41,950</u>	<u>\$48,150</u>
18	<u>15</u>	<u>\$38,225</u>	<u>42,425</u>	<u>\$48,625</u>
19	<u>16</u>	<u>\$38,700</u>	<u>\$42,900</u>	<u>\$49,100</u>
20	<u>17</u>	<u>\$39,175</u>	<u>\$43,375</u>	<u>\$49,575</u>
21	<u>18</u>	<u>\$39,650</u>	<u>\$43,850</u>	<u>\$50,050</u>
22	<u>19</u>	<u>\$40,125</u>	<u>\$44,325</u>	<u>\$50,525</u>
23	<u>20</u>	<u>\$40,600</u>	<u>\$44,800</u>	<u>\$51,000</u>

1	21	\$41,075	\$45,275	\$51,475
2	22	\$41,550	\$45,750	\$51,950
3	23	\$42,025	\$46,225	\$52,425
4	24	\$42,500	\$46,700	\$52,900
5	25	\$42,975	\$47,175	\$53,375
6	26	\$43,450	\$47,650	\$53,850
7	27	\$43,925	\$48,125	\$54,325
8	28	\$44,400	\$48,600	\$54,800
9	29	\$44,875	\$49,075	\$55,275
10	30	\$45,350	\$49,550	\$55,750

11 C. For the 2007-08 school year, teachers in the public schools  
 12 of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less  
 13 than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

14 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

15	Years of	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
16	Experience	Degree	Degree	Degree
17	<del>0</del>	<del>\$28,900</del>	<del>\$30,100</del>	<del>\$31,300</del>
18	<del>1</del>	<del>\$29,375</del>	<del>\$30,575</del>	<del>\$31,775</del>
19	<del>2</del>	<del>\$29,850</del>	<del>\$31,050</del>	<del>\$32,250</del>
20	<del>3</del>	<del>\$30,325</del>	<del>\$31,525</del>	<del>\$32,725</del>
21	<del>4</del>	<del>\$30,800</del>	<del>\$32,000</del>	<del>\$33,200</del>
22	<del>5</del>	<del>\$31,300</del>	<del>\$32,500</del>	<del>\$33,700</del>
23	<del>6</del>	<del>\$31,800</del>	<del>\$33,000</del>	<del>\$34,200</del>

1	<del>7</del>	<del>\$32,300</del>	<del>\$33,500</del>	<del>\$34,700</del>
2	<del>8</del>	<del>\$32,800</del>	<del>\$34,000</del>	<del>\$35,200</del>
3	<del>9</del>	<del>\$33,300</del>	<del>\$34,500</del>	<del>\$35,700</del>
4	<del>10</del>	<del>\$33,825</del>	<del>\$35,025</del>	<del>\$36,225</del>
5	<del>11</del>	<del>\$34,350</del>	<del>\$35,550</del>	<del>\$36,750</del>
6	<del>12</del>	<del>\$34,875</del>	<del>\$36,075</del>	<del>\$37,275</del>
7	<del>13</del>	<del>\$35,400</del>	<del>\$36,600</del>	<del>\$37,800</del>
8	<del>14</del>	<del>\$35,925</del>	<del>\$37,125</del>	<del>\$38,325</del>
9	<del>15</del>	<del>\$36,450</del>	<del>\$37,650</del>	<del>\$38,850</del>
10	<del>16</del>	<del>\$36,975</del>	<del>\$38,175</del>	<del>\$39,375</del>
11	<del>17</del>	<del>\$37,500</del>	<del>\$38,700</del>	<del>\$39,900</del>
12	<del>18</del>	<del>\$38,025</del>	<del>\$39,225</del>	<del>\$40,425</del>
13	<del>19</del>	<del>\$38,550</del>	<del>\$39,750</del>	<del>\$40,950</del>
14	<del>20</del>	<del>\$39,075</del>	<del>\$40,275</del>	<del>\$41,475</del>
15	<del>21</del>	<del>\$39,600</del>	<del>\$40,800</del>	<del>\$42,000</del>
16	<del>22</del>	<del>\$40,125</del>	<del>\$41,325</del>	<del>\$42,525</del>
17	<del>23</del>	<del>\$40,650</del>	<del>\$41,850</del>	<del>\$43,050</del>
18	<del>24</del>	<del>\$41,175</del>	<del>\$42,375</del>	<del>\$43,575</del>
19	<del>25</del>	<del>\$41,700</del>	<del>\$42,900</del>	<del>\$44,100</del>
20	<u>0</u>	<u>\$31,900</u>	<u>\$36,100</u>	<u>\$42,300</u>
21	<u>1</u>	<u>\$32,375</u>	<u>\$36,575</u>	<u>\$42,775</u>
22	<u>2</u>	<u>\$32,850</u>	<u>\$37,050</u>	<u>\$43,250</u>
23	<u>3</u>	<u>\$33,325</u>	<u>\$37,525</u>	<u>\$43,725</u>

1	<u>4</u>	\$33,800	\$38,000	\$44,200
2	<u>5</u>	\$34,300	\$38,500	\$44,700
3	<u>6</u>	\$34,800	\$39,000	\$45,200
4	<u>7</u>	\$35,300	\$39,500	\$45,700
5	<u>8</u>	\$35,800	\$40,000	\$46,200
6	<u>9</u>	\$36,300	\$40,500	\$46,700
7	<u>10</u>	\$36,825	\$41,025	\$47,225
8	<u>11</u>	\$37,350	\$41,550	\$47,750
9	<u>12</u>	\$37,875	\$42,075	\$48,275
10	<u>13</u>	\$38,400	\$42,600	\$48,800
11	<u>14</u>	\$38,925	\$43,125	\$49,325
12	<u>15</u>	\$39,450	\$43,650	\$49,850
13	<u>16</u>	\$39,975	\$44,175	\$50,375
14	<u>17</u>	\$40,500	\$44,700	\$50,900
15	<u>18</u>	\$41,025	\$45,225	\$51,425
16	<u>19</u>	\$41,550	\$45,750	\$51,950
17	<u>20</u>	\$42,075	\$46,275	\$52,475
18	<u>21</u>	\$42,600	\$46,800	\$53,000
19	<u>22</u>	\$43,125	\$47,325	\$53,525
20	<u>23</u>	\$43,650	\$47,850	\$54,050
21	<u>24</u>	\$44,175	\$48,375	\$54,575
22	<u>25</u>	\$44,700	\$48,900	\$55,100
23	<u>26</u>	\$45,225	\$49,425	\$55,625

1	27	\$45,750	\$49,950	\$56,150
2	28	\$46,275	\$50,475	\$56,675
3	29	\$46,800	\$51,000	\$57,200
4	30	\$47,325	\$51,525	\$57,725

5 D. Beginning with the 2008-09 school year, teachers in the  
6 public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe  
7 benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following  
8 schedule:

9 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

10	Years of	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
11	Experience	Degree	Degree	Degree
12	<del>0</del>	<del>\$29,425</del>	<del>\$30,625</del>	<del>\$31,825</del>
13	<del>1</del>	<del>\$29,950</del>	<del>\$31,150</del>	<del>\$32,350</del>
14	<del>2</del>	<del>\$30,475</del>	<del>\$31,675</del>	<del>\$32,875</del>
15	<del>3</del>	<del>\$31,000</del>	<del>\$32,200</del>	<del>\$33,400</del>
16	<del>4</del>	<del>\$31,525</del>	<del>\$32,725</del>	<del>\$33,925</del>
17	<del>5</del>	<del>\$32,075</del>	<del>\$33,275</del>	<del>\$34,475</del>
18	<del>6</del>	<del>\$32,625</del>	<del>\$33,825</del>	<del>\$35,025</del>
19	<del>7</del>	<del>\$33,175</del>	<del>\$34,375</del>	<del>\$35,575</del>
20	<del>8</del>	<del>\$33,725</del>	<del>\$34,925</del>	<del>\$36,125</del>
21	<del>9</del>	<del>\$34,275</del>	<del>\$35,475</del>	<del>\$36,675</del>
22	<del>10</del>	<del>\$34,850</del>	<del>\$36,050</del>	<del>\$37,250</del>
23	<del>11</del>	<del>\$35,425</del>	<del>\$36,625</del>	<del>\$37,825</del>

1	<del>12</del>	<del>\$36,000</del>	<del>\$37,200</del>	<del>\$38,400</del>
2	<del>13</del>	<del>\$36,575</del>	<del>\$37,775</del>	<del>\$38,975</del>
3	<del>14</del>	<del>\$37,150</del>	<del>\$38,350</del>	<del>\$39,550</del>
4	<del>15</del>	<del>\$37,725</del>	<del>\$38,925</del>	<del>\$40,125</del>
5	<del>16</del>	<del>\$38,300</del>	<del>\$39,500</del>	<del>\$40,700</del>
6	<del>17</del>	<del>\$38,875</del>	<del>\$40,075</del>	<del>\$41,275</del>
7	<del>18</del>	<del>\$39,450</del>	<del>\$40,650</del>	<del>\$41,850</del>
8	<del>19</del>	<del>\$40,025</del>	<del>\$41,225</del>	<del>\$42,425</del>
9	<del>20</del>	<del>\$40,600</del>	<del>\$41,800</del>	<del>\$43,000</del>
10	<del>21</del>	<del>\$41,175</del>	<del>\$42,375</del>	<del>\$43,575</del>
11	<del>22</del>	<del>\$41,750</del>	<del>\$42,950</del>	<del>\$44,150</del>
12	<del>23</del>	<del>\$42,325</del>	<del>\$43,525</del>	<del>\$44,725</del>
13	<del>24</del>	<del>\$42,900</del>	<del>\$44,100</del>	<del>\$45,300</del>
14	<del>25</del>	<del>\$43,475</del>	<del>\$44,675</del>	<del>\$45,875</del>
15	<u>0</u>	<u>\$32,425</u>	<u>\$36,625</u>	<u>\$42,825</u>
16	<u>1</u>	<u>\$32,950</u>	<u>\$37,150</u>	<u>\$43,350</u>
17	<u>2</u>	<u>\$33,475</u>	<u>\$37,675</u>	<u>\$43,875</u>
18	<u>3</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$38,200</u>	<u>\$44,400</u>
19	<u>4</u>	<u>\$34,525</u>	<u>\$38,725</u>	<u>\$44,925</u>
20	<u>5</u>	<u>\$35,075</u>	<u>\$39,275</u>	<u>\$45,475</u>
21	<u>6</u>	<u>\$35,625</u>	<u>\$39,825</u>	<u>\$46,025</u>
22	<u>7</u>	<u>\$36,175</u>	<u>\$40,375</u>	<u>\$46,575</u>
23	<u>8</u>	<u>\$36,725</u>	<u>\$40,925</u>	<u>\$47,125</u>

1	<u>9</u>	\$37,275	\$41,475	\$47,675
2	<u>10</u>	\$37,850	\$42,050	\$48,250
3	<u>11</u>	\$38,425	\$42,625	\$48,825
4	<u>12</u>	\$39,000	\$43,200	\$49,400
5	<u>13</u>	\$39,575	\$43,775	\$49,975
6	<u>14</u>	\$40,150	\$44,350	\$50,550
7	<u>15</u>	\$40,725	\$44,925	\$51,125
8	<u>16</u>	\$41,300	\$45,500	\$51,700
9	<u>17</u>	\$41,875	\$46,075	\$52,275
10	<u>18</u>	\$42,450	\$46,650	\$52,850
11	<u>19</u>	\$43,025	\$47,225	\$53,425
12	<u>20</u>	\$43,600	\$47,800	\$54,000
13	<u>21</u>	\$44,175	\$48,375	\$54,575
14	<u>22</u>	\$44,750	\$48,950	\$55,150
15	<u>23</u>	\$45,325	\$49,525	\$55,725
16	<u>24</u>	\$45,900	\$50,100	\$56,300
17	<u>25</u>	\$46,475	\$50,675	\$56,875
18	<u>26</u>	\$47,050	\$51,250	\$57,450
19	<u>27</u>	\$47,625	\$51,825	\$58,025
20	<u>28</u>	\$48,200	\$52,400	\$58,600
21	<u>29</u>	\$48,775	\$52,975	\$59,175
22	<u>30</u>	\$49,350	\$53,550	\$59,750

1 E. When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe  
2 benefits" shall mean all or part of retirement benefits, excluding  
3 the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1  
4 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title and the flexible  
5 benefit allowance pursuant to Section 26-105 of ~~Title 70 of the~~  
6 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title from the flexible benefit allowance  
7 funds disbursed by the State Board of Education and the State Board  
8 of Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of  
9 ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. Any of the degrees  
10 referred to in this section shall be from a college recognized by  
11 the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall  
12 accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts that  
13 are accredited by the State Board of Education or appropriate state  
14 accrediting agency for said districts. For the purpose of state  
15 salary increments and retirement, no teacher shall be granted credit  
16 for more than five (5) years' active duty in the military service,  
17 or out-of-state teaching experience as a certified teacher or its  
18 equivalent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of  
19 education from crediting more years of experience on district salary  
20 schedules than those allowed for state purposes. The State Board of  
21 Education shall recognize, for purposes of certification and salary  
22 increments, the years of experience of a certified teacher who  
23 teaches in the Department of Corrections' educational program

1 beginning with fiscal year 1981. The State Board of Education shall  
2 recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments the  
3 years of experience of a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor under  
4 the Department of Human Services if such counselor was employed as a  
5 certified teacher by the State Department of Education when the  
6 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was transferred from the State  
7 Board of Career and Technology Education or the State Board of  
8 Education to the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968.

9 F. The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of  
10 certification and salary increments all of the years of experience

11 a:

12 1. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor completed while employed  
13 by the Department of Human Services if such counselor was certified  
14 as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a teacher in  
15 Oklahoma;

16 2. Certified teacher completed while employed by the Department  
17 of Human Services Child Study Center at University Hospital, if the  
18 teacher was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and

19 3. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist completed  
20 while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological assistant, or  
21 psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma if such  
22 experience primarily involved work with persons of school or  
23 preschool age and if such person was, at the time the experience was

1 acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school  
2 psychologist or psychometrist.

3 G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers  
4 who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school  
5 in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.

6 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.568, as  
7 last amended by Section 26, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.  
8 2005, Section 1210.568), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1210.568 A. ~~Beginning with the first semester of the~~  
10 ~~1996-1997 school year, the~~ The State Board of Education shall  
11 implement a statewide system of alternative education programs which  
12 shall ~~be phased-in within seven (7) years. The statewide system~~  
13 ~~shall~~ include but not be limited to Alternative Approaches grant  
14 programs, funded pursuant to Section 1210.561 of this title, and  
15 alternative academies or alternative programs implemented pursuant  
16 to this section.

17 B. ~~Beginning with the first semester of the 2002-2003 school~~  
18 ~~year, all~~ All school districts of this state shall provide  
19 alternative education programs that conform to the requirements of  
20 statutes and rules applicable to alternative education. A program  
21 shall:

22 1. Allow class sizes and student/teacher ratios which are  
23 conducive to effective learning for at-risk students;

- 1        2. Incorporate appropriate structure, curriculum, and  
2 interaction and reinforcement strategies designed to provide  
3 effective instruction;
- 4        3. Include an intake and screening process to determine  
5 eligibility of students;
- 6        4. Demonstrate that teaching faculty are appropriately licensed  
7 or certified teachers;
- 8        5. Demonstrate that teaching faculty have been selected on the  
9 basis of a record of successful work with at-risk students or  
10 personal and educational factors that qualify them for work with at-  
11 risk students;
- 12       6. Reflect appropriate collaborative efforts with state  
13 agencies and local agencies serving youth;
- 14       7. Provide courses that meet the academic curricula standards  
15 adopted by the State Board of Education and additional remedial  
16 courses;
- 17       8. Offer individualized instruction;
- 18       9. State clear and measurable program goals and objectives;
- 19       10. Include counseling and social services components with the  
20 provision that providers of services are not required to be  
21 certified as school counselors;
- 22       11. Require a plan leading to graduation be developed for each  
23 student in the program which will allow the student to participate

1 in graduation exercises for the school district after meeting the  
2 requirements of the school district as specified in the individual  
3 graduation plan for that student; provided, the plan shall  
4 specifically address whether the student is required to meet the  
5 graduation requirements established in Section 11-103.6 of this  
6 title;

7 12. Offer life skills instruction;

8 13. Provide opportunities for arts education to students,  
9 including Artists in Residence programs coordinated with the  
10 Oklahoma Arts Council;

11 14. Provide a proposed annual budget;

12 15. Include an evaluation component including an annual written  
13 self-evaluation;

14 16. Be appropriately designed to serve middle school, junior  
15 high school and secondary school students in grades six through  
16 twelve who are most at risk of not completing a high school  
17 education for a reason other than that identified in Section 13-101  
18 of this title; and

19 17. Allow students in the alternative education program, who  
20 otherwise meet all of the participation requirements, to participate  
21 in vocational programs and extracurricular activities, including but  
22 not limited to athletics, band, and clubs.

1 C. The alternative education program of a school district shall  
2 be operational and serving students by September 15 of each school  
3 year.

4 ~~D. Each alternative education program of a school district  
5 shall receive funding based on the combined number of dropouts and  
6 students within the district who have been referred to a county  
7 juvenile service unit, a county juvenile bureau or who have been  
8 committed to the custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs. Each  
9 alternative education program shall receive incentive funding as  
10 follows:~~

11 ~~1. For the first year of operation, One Thousand Dollars  
12 (\$1,000.00) per student;~~

13 ~~2. For the second year of operation, Seven Hundred Fifty  
14 Dollars (\$750.00) per student; and~~

15 ~~3. For the third year of operation and each year thereafter,  
16 Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) per student Statewide Beginning with  
17 the 2006-07 school year, and each year thereafter, funds  
18 appropriated for the statewide alternative education program shall  
19 be distributed no later than December 1 to school districts based on  
20 a formula developed by the State Board of Education. Schools will  
21 receive base funding determined by the average number of full-time  
22 students in the alternative education program during the previous~~

1 school year. The formula will include incentive funding that will  
2 take into account the following factors:

3 1. Program growth as determined by the number of full-time  
4 students enrolled in the program on October 1;

5 2. Class size with a student-to-teacher ratio that does not  
6 exceed twelve (12) to one (1);

7 3. Counseling services regularly provided to students in the  
8 program; and

9 4. An adjustment for students who do not generate pupil  
10 category weights, except for the economically disadvantaged weight,  
11 in the State Aid formula.

12 Such funding shall not be used to supplant existing school  
13 district resources or to support programs that do not meet all the  
14 criteria for the statewide alternative education system. No  
15 alternative education program shall receive less than a total of Ten  
16 Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per school year.

17 E. By September 15 of each school year, all statewide  
18 alternative education funds received and expended for students  
19 participating in an alternative education program shall be reported  
20 to the State Department of Education by major object codes and by  
21 program classifications pursuant to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting  
22 System as adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to  
23 Section 5-135 of this title.

1 F. Elementary school districts, as defined in Section 5-103 of  
2 this title, may request a waiver from the State Board of Education  
3 from the requirements of this section to implement and provide an  
4 alternative education program. Any elementary school district that  
5 has not received funding pursuant to the provisions of subsection D  
6 of this section shall be automatically granted a waiver. If a  
7 school district is granted a waiver, no statewide alternative  
8 education funding shall be allocated to the district.

9 G. 1. The State Board of Education shall contract for  
10 technical assistance for operation of an Alternative Education  
11 Technical Assistance Center. The technical assistance provider  
12 shall be an entity located in Oklahoma that has been officially  
13 recognized by the United States Department of Education to assess  
14 and facilitate dissemination of validated educational programs in  
15 Oklahoma. The technical assistance provider shall have priority, if  
16 its operations are deemed satisfactory by the State Board of  
17 Education and if funds are available, for annual renewal of the  
18 contract.

19 2. The duties of the technical assistance provider shall  
20 include, but shall not be limited to:

21 a. providing initial and ongoing training of personnel  
22 who will educate at-risk populations through  
23 alternative education programs,

- 1           b.    providing technical assistance to school districts to  
2                    enhance the probability of success of their  
3                    alternative education programs,  
4           c.    evaluating state-funded alternative education  
5                    programs,  
6           d.    reporting to the State Board of Education the  
7                    evaluation results of state-funded alternative  
8                    education programs, and  
9           e.    providing in-depth program analysis and evaluation of  
10                   state-funded alternative education programs.

11           3.    The State Board of Education shall not provide funding to an  
12           alternative education program that does not receive a recommendation  
13           for continued funding in the evaluation provided for in this  
14           subsection.  Provided, any school district not receiving such a  
15           recommendation for continued funding may request a hearing before  
16           the Board with a review of the evaluation prior to the Board's final  
17           determination.

18           H.    All alternative education programs shall be subject to  
19           statutes and rules applicable to alternative education, including  
20           any exemptions from statutory or regulatory requirements authorized  
21           by statutes or rule.

22           I.    An alternative education program may be offered by an  
23           individual school district or may be offered jointly by school

1 districts that have formed interlocal cooperative agreements  
2 pursuant to Section 5-117b of this title. Any school district  
3 submitting a plan for an alternative education program serving fewer  
4 than ten students shall enter into a cooperative agreement with  
5 another school district to jointly provide the program unless the  
6 program has been granted a waiver from this requirement by the State  
7 Board of Education.

8 J. Any materials or equipment purchased by a school district  
9 with revenue received for students participating in an alternative  
10 education program shall be used only in or directly for the  
11 alternative education program offered by the district or any  
12 subsequent alternative education program offered to students  
13 enrolled in that district. Such materials and equipment shall be  
14 made available exclusively to alternative education students during  
15 the hours that the alternative education program is operating;  
16 provided, the material or equipment may be used for other purposes  
17 when the alternative education program is not operating.

18 ~~K. Upon implementation of this subsection as provided for in~~  
19 ~~subsection M of this section and contingent~~ Contingent upon the  
20 provision of appropriated funds designated for such purpose, all  
21 school districts in the state providing alternative education  
22 programs as required in subsection B of this section shall expand

1 the programs to include middle-school-grade students. The program  
2 shall conform to the requirements of subsection B of this section.

3 ~~L. Upon implementation of this subsection as provided for in~~  
4 ~~subsection M of this section and contingent Contingent upon the~~  
5 provision of appropriated funds designated for such purpose, each  
6 urban school district identified by the State Department of  
7 Education as having a high population of elementary grade students  
8 who are at-risk and in need of alternative education shall provide  
9 elementary level alternative education programs. The State  
10 Department of Education shall establish requirements for the  
11 programs. For purposes of this section, "urban school district"  
12 means a school district with an average daily membership of thirty  
13 thousand (30,000) or more.

14 ~~M. Implementation of subsections K and L of this section shall~~  
15 ~~be delayed until the current expenditure per pupil in average daily~~  
16 ~~attendance in public elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted~~  
17 ~~dollars for the 1998-99 school year or any school year thereafter~~  
18 ~~for Oklahoma, as reported by the National Center for Education~~  
19 ~~Statistics annually in the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches~~  
20 ~~at least ninety percent (90%) of the regional average expenditure~~  
21 ~~for that same year, and funds are provided. For purposes of this~~  
22 ~~subsection, the regional average expenditure shall consist of the~~  
23 ~~current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public~~

1 ~~elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for each of~~  
2 ~~the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New~~  
3 ~~Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of~~  
4 ~~each year, the State Board of Education shall report whether or not~~  
5 ~~the ninety-percent expenditure level has been reached based on~~  
6 ~~information reported annually in the Digest of Education Statistics~~  
7 ~~by the National Center for Education Statistics. Subsections K and~~  
8 ~~L of this section shall be implemented on July 1 after the first~~  
9 ~~January 1 report verifies that the ninety percent expenditure level~~  
10 ~~has been reached and funds have been provided for the specific~~  
11 ~~purposes of this section.~~

12 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-101.42 of Title 70, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. For the 2006-2007 school year, each school district shall  
16 provide to every support employee a wage increase over the base  
17 amount the employee earned during the 2005-2006 school year if the  
18 support employee is employed by the same school district for the  
19 2006-2007 school year according to the following schedule:

20 1. Support employees employed on a full-time basis shall  
21 receive Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per month;

22 2. Support employees employed for a minimum of four (4) hours  
23 per day shall receive Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per month; and

1           3. Support employees employed for a minimum of two (2) hours  
2 per day shall receive Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month.

3           B. The increase prescribed by this section shall be in addition  
4 to any other compensation and fringe benefits provided by the  
5 district, or mandated by law or collective bargaining agreement,  
6 unless the hours or duties of the support employee are reduced  
7 proportionately.

8           SECTION 10.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10-105.4 of Title 70, unless  
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11           The State Board of Education shall establish a pilot early  
12 childhood program to consist of private donations and state funds  
13 that will serve at-risk children in at least one urban area and one  
14 rural area of this state to be selected by the Board. The Board  
15 shall solicit applications from the private sector for the program  
16 and require applicants to match state funds on a two-to-one basis  
17 and commit a minimum investment of Ten Million Dollars  
18 (\$10,000,000.00) in the program.

19           SECTION 11.           REPEALER           Section 2, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 2002  
20 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 6-205), is hereby repealed.

21           SECTION 12.           REPEALER           70 O.S. 2001, Sections 18-114, 18-  
22 114.2, 18-114.4, 18-114.5 and 18-114.6, are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 13. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-114.7, as  
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 248, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp.  
3 2005, Section 18-114.7), is hereby repealed.

4 SECTION 14. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

5 SECTION 15. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-13-06 - DO  
10 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.