

3 Senate Bill No. 839
4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 839 - By: PRUITT of the Senate and JETT of the
6 House.

7 [schools - State Board of Education - solicit proposals -
8 pilot projects - effective date -
9 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.558 of Title 70, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The State Board of Education shall solicit proposals for,
15 and if funds are available make grants for, pilot projects that make
16 language instruction educational services available to non-English
17 speaking and limited-English proficient students from families who
18 are recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
19 Proposals shall be prepared in cooperation with personnel of the
20 Department of Human Services for the purpose of addressing the needs
21 of non-English speaking and limited-English proficient students,
22 including immigrant children and youth, in attaining English
23 proficiency.

24 B. The State Board of Education shall determine pilot project
25 criteria and establish a process for the consideration of proposals.

1 Eligible recipients of grants authorized pursuant to this section
2 include school districts or a collaborative effort of one or more
3 school districts with high populations of:

- 4 1. Non-English speaking students, and
- 5 2. Limited-English proficient students.

6 C. The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt rules to
7 implement the provisions of this section.

8 D. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Department
9 of Human Services shall contract with the State Department of
10 Education and shall transfer the amount of Two Million Dollars
11 (\$2,000,000.00) in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block
12 Grant funds for the purpose of this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

14 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-23-05 - DO
19 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.