

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 1210.508A, 1210.508B, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2004 and 1210.508E, as last amended by Section 25, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 1210.508B and 1210.508E), which relate to the Reading Sufficiency Act; expanding Reading Sufficiency Act citation; requiring school districts to focus kindergarten through third grade instructional time on reading and mathematics; directing the State Board of Education to encourage school districts to integrate curricular areas; requiring certain notification to the parent or guardian of certain third-grade students; deleting reference to mathematics; modifying teachers' authority to recommend participation in a summer academy reading program; adding other programs as an option to summer academy participation; modifying requirement to retain students; describing content of a summer academy reading program; allowing school districts to approve an option to summer school reading programs; listing certain options; providing for payment of costs for optional programs; making expansion of certain requirements contingent upon funding; deleting contingency and implementation requirements; providing exceptions for certain students; directing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; listing certain requirements to be included in rules; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.