

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to develop an Academic Achievement Award program; stating criteria for awards to qualified employees; directing the State Board of Education to provide monetary awards to qualified employees by certain date; directing the Board to determine amount of funds available for monetary awards; providing for determination of highest achieving school sites; providing for resolution of tie scores; providing calculation of award amount for each qualified employee; establishing groups based on average daily membership; defining qualified employees; limiting school district liability for payment of awards; excluding awards from calculation of salary and retirement benefits; directing the Board to promulgate rules; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-152, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3-152), which relates to the Academic Performance Award Program; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.