

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-153, which relates to exemptions for reporting district plans to State Board of Education; modifying requirement for certain reporting exemptions; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 1210.508B, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2004 and 1210.508C, as last amended by Section 124 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2060 of the 1st Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1210.508B), which relate to the Reading Sufficiency Act; delaying deadline for reaching reading goal; changing reading goal; modifying exclusion for certain students from reading goal; modifying baseline determination date; modifying method for determination of certain students reading at grade level; directing State Department of Education to recognize and provide assistance to certain schools and districts; requiring submission of district reading sufficiency plan in certain circumstance; broadening certain term; clarifying reading skills to be screened; requiring use of certain standard screening instrument; providing for emphasis on certain reading skills and monitoring of kindergarten students; providing for identification and progress monitoring of certain students; providing certain measures for determination of reading success; requiring State Department of Education to approve a standard screening instrument; removing requirement for use of certain assessments; directing State Department of Education to ensure certain assessments meet certain requirements; requiring reading instruction programs to align with certain standards; modifying date by which State Department of Education issues certain report; modifying requirements for certain report; authorizing State Department of Education to contract for certain report; requiring State Department of Education to ensure certain reading competencies are included in competencies for special education teachers; requiring State Department of Education and Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation in collaboration with Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ensure certain teachers are provided certain training; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.