

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 13-101, which relates to special education services for children with disabilities; authorizing districts to provide scholarships for certain students to attend certain private schools; creating the Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; stating intent; establishing eligibility requirements for students and parents; requiring certain notice to school district; establishing eligibility requirements for participating private schools; requiring certain notice to State Department of Education; stating compliance provisions for participants; specifying forfeiture of scholarship for certain noncompliance; requiring school district to provide notice and certain information to State Department of Education by certain deadline; requiring State Department of Education to provide certain information to private school by certain deadline; specifying school district to separately report scholarship students for certain purpose; establishing formula for maximum scholarship amount; specifying amount of scholarship; authorizing payment of certain fee and reduction of total scholarship amount; authorizing partial payment for reservation and providing procedures; establishing procedures for State Department of Education to transfer certain funds for scholarship program; requiring review and approval of certain documentation; providing for quarterly scholarship payments; providing procedures; clarifying school districts not responsible for additional costs; precluding liability; directing State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; directing State Department of Education to make available certain information on website; authorizing State Department of Education to conduct certain investigations and suspend or remove certain participating private schools from program; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.