

An Act relating to schools; creating the Teacher Retention Act; providing short title; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 3-150 and 3-152, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3-152), which relate to the Academic Performance Index; clarifying test results to be included in Academic Performance Index; removing certain implementation contingency provision; requiring State Board of Education to develop certain program; stating qualification criteria; stating certain benefits of program; providing certain exceptions; stating requirements for continuation in program; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 15-106.1, as amended by Section 22, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 15-106.1), which relates to equipment purchases with bonds; authorizing classroom materials and computer equipment to be included in definition of equipment; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 509.6, which relates to good faith negotiations with bargaining unit; adding certain item to be negotiated; excluding certain items from negotiations; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.531, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 453, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1210.531), which relates to the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program; requiring inclusion of Academic Performance Index in certain report; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 6-101.20, 6-101.21, 6-101.22, 6-101.23, 6-101.24, 6-101.25, 6-101.26, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003, 6-101.27, 6-101.28, 6-101.29, and 6-101.30 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 6-101.26), which relate to the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.