

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 and 1210.508C, as amended by Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Sections 1210.508B and 1210.508C), which relate to the Reading Sufficiency Act; delaying deadline for reaching reading goal; removing exclusion for certain students from provisions of this act; modifying baseline determination date; modifying method for determination of certain students reading at grade level; providing for identification, intervention, and remediation of certain students; providing certain measures for determination of reading success; 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 certain intervention and monitoring of kindergarten students; requiring use of approved reading assessments; limiting school district liability for certain medical evaluation recommendations; 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 standards for scientifically based reading research; requiring reading instruction programs to utilize scientifically based reading research methods, materials, and instruction; 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 reflect scientifically based reading research guidelines; 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; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.508C, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 175, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1210.508C), which is a duplicate section and which relates to programs of reading instruction; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.