

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing school district boards of education to implement schedules which allow duty-free lunch periods for classroom teachers and librarians; prohibiting certain results; providing an exception to duty-free lunch requirement in certain emergency situations; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-104.8 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The board of education of each school district in the state shall implement schedules for each school site which permits each classroom teacher and each full-time librarian to have during the school day a minimum of a thirty-minute lunch period during which the teacher or librarian is free from all duties and responsibilities connected with the instruction or supervision of students.

B. The implementation of this section shall not result in a lengthened school day.

C. If necessary because of a personnel shortage, extreme economic conditions, or an unavoidable or unforeseen circumstance, a school district may require a classroom teacher or librarian entitled to a duty-free lunch to supervise students during lunch. A classroom teacher or librarian shall not be required to supervise students under this subsection more than one (1) day in any school

week. The State Board of Education shall prescribe guidelines for determining what constitutes a personnel shortage, extreme economic conditions, or an unavoidable or unforeseen circumstance for purposes of this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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