

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2767

By: Roggow

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; requesting the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges to establish a speech therapy teacher certification program; stating location of program; proposing mission of the program; stating legislative findings; 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 3517.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Legislature requests the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges to establish a speech therapy teacher certification program to be located on the Enid campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The program should be a four-year program to train teachers who can be certified to provide speech therapy services to students in schools. The Legislature finds that currently because of the education requirements and competition with the private sector there is a shortage of certified speech-language pathologists in the state to meet the needs for speech therapy services in schools and the creation of a four-year program would help alleviate this shortage.

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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