

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2816

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.404, which relates to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics regional model programs; requiring a two-year curriculum at regional model programs; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.404, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.404 A. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall solicit proposals and award grants for pilot projects that develop and establish model programs implementing advanced science and math curriculum at local technology center school sites, local colleges or universities, or at local school sites via distance learning. At least two grants shall be awarded during the 1997-98 school year for implementation beginning the fall of 1997. The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall determine pilot project criteria. The pilot project proposals shall be considered on a statewide competitive basis.

B. A Selection Committee shall be established to assist the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in selecting sites for model programs. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education or a designee;
2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee; and

3. The Director of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a designee.

C. An Advisory Council shall be established to assist the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in development of the model programs. The Advisory Council shall establish eligibility criteria for student participation in the program. The Advisory Council shall have final approval of the curriculum and shall set academic standards for the program. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, each program shall at a minimum offer a two-year curriculum. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members:

1. A superintendent of a participating local school district within the technology center school district elected by the majority of the participating superintendents or a designee;

2. The superintendent of a technology center school district participating in the program or a designee; and

3. The Director of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics or a designee.

D. The Advisory Council and participating technology center schools shall work with the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in determining advanced science and math curriculum needs for the area served by the program. A representative from the Advisory Council and participating technology center school or participating local school site shall work with a representative from the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in the recruitment and hiring of faculty for the program. Faculty positions shall be approved by a majority vote of the representatives from the Advisory Council, technology center school and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

E. The participating technology center school district shall provide transportation for those students attending the program at the technology center school site. Local schools at their option

may provide transportation for students attending at college or university sites.

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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