

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 839

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to solicit proposals for pilot projects for language instruction educational services to certain students; directing the State Board of Education to prepare proposals in cooperation with Department of Human Services; stating purpose; directing State Board of Education to determine pilot project criteria and establish process for consideration of proposals; stating criteria for eligible recipients; authorizing State Board of Education to adopt rules; directing Department of Human Services to contract with State Department of Education and transfer certain funds for certain purpose; 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 1210.558 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall solicit proposals for, and if funds are available make grants for, pilot projects that make language instruction educational services available to non-English speaking and limited-English proficient students from families who are recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Proposals shall be prepared in cooperation with personnel of the Department of Human Services for the purpose of addressing the needs of non-English speaking and limited-English proficient students, including immigrant children and youth, in attaining English proficiency.

B. The State Board of Education shall determine pilot project criteria and establish a process for the consideration of proposals.

Eligible recipients of grants authorized pursuant to this section include school districts or a collaborative effort of one or more school districts with high populations of:

1. Non-English speaking students, and
2. Limited-English proficient students.

C. The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

D. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Department of Human Services shall contract with the State Department of Education and shall transfer the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant funds for the purpose of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

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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