

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3395

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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to schools; directing the State
9 Department of Education to contract for the
10 establishment of a Certified School Nurse Pilot
11 Program; stating purpose of the Pilot Program;
12 directing the Department to oversee the Pilot
13 Program; directing the Pilot Program contractor to
14 coordinate the Pilot Program; providing for
15 employment of certified school nurses; making number
16 of employed certified school nurses contingent upon
17 funding and other factors; providing for assignment
18 of the certified school nurses; authorizing
19 additional employees; specifying certain
20 qualifications; stating responsibilities of the
21 certified school nurses; directing the Department and
22 Pilot Program contractor to form a steering
23 committee; stating duties of the steering committee;
24 directing the Pilot Program contractor to conduct and
submit an annual evaluation of the Pilot Program;
directing the State Board of Education to promulgate
rules; 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 24-100c of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. Contingent on the availability of funding, the State
2 Department of Education shall contract with a statewide nonprofit
3 school health program that promotes the health needs of students to
4 establish a Certified School Nurse Pilot Program. The purpose of
5 the Pilot Program shall be to assist elementary schools and the
6 Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees in elementary schools in
7 implementing health and wellness programs and providing health and
8 wellness information to students in the elementary schools. The
9 State Department of Education shall oversee the Pilot Program. The
10 Pilot Program contractor shall coordinate the Pilot Program and
11 provide the required support to schools to allow for participation
12 in the Pilot Program.

13 B. The Department shall conduct the Pilot Program for a period
14 of not less than five (5) years. The Pilot Program contractor shall
15 employ and provide for the salary and benefits of certified school
16 nurses, along with training and school support needed to implement
17 the Pilot Program. The number of certified school nurses employed
18 in years one and two of the Pilot Program shall be contingent upon
19 funding and other factors as determined by the Department in
20 conjunction with the Pilot Program contractor. By year three of the
21 Pilot Program, not less than six certified school nurses shall be
22 employed by the Pilot Program contractor with one certified school
23 nurse assigned to each quadrant of the state, one assigned to the
24 Tulsa metropolitan area, and one assigned to the Oklahoma City

1 metropolitan area. A Pilot Program coordinator, Pilot Program
2 contractor monitor, and additional certified school nurses may be
3 employed if funds are available. A person employed as a certified
4 school nurse shall at a minimum have a degree in nursing.

5 C. The certified school nurses shall be responsible for:

6 1. Facilitating the activities of and providing assistance and
7 expertise to the Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees in
8 elementary schools;

9 2. Providing professional development opportunities for
10 teachers;

11 3. Providing curriculum, materials, and resources to elementary
12 schools for school health programs, which may include health
13 education, physical education, health services, nutrition services,
14 school climate, physical environment, health promotion and wellness,
15 and youth, family, and community involvement;

16 4. Assist elementary schools in completing the School Health
17 Index;

18 5. Interacting with parent organizations in public schools in
19 order to educate parents about health and wellness issues; and

20 6. Conducting a public health media campaign for students and
21 their families.

22 D. The Department and the Pilot Program contractor shall form a
23 steering committee with representatives from the State Department of
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1 Health and other entities interested in school health to help
2 provide expertise, oversight and guidance for the Pilot Program.

3 E. The Pilot Program contractor in partnership with an
4 evaluation entity shall conduct an annual evaluation of the
5 effectiveness and impact of the Pilot Program. A copy of the
6 evaluation shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate.

9 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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

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