

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 2037

By: Nichols of the Senate

and

6 Peterson (Ron) of the  
7 House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to schools; providing for classroom  
11 placement of multiple-birth siblings; defining term;  
12 providing for codification; providing an effective  
13 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-154 of Title 70, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. A parent or guardian of multiple-birth siblings may request  
19 that the children attend the same school and be placed in the same  
20 classroom or in separate classrooms if the children are in the same  
21 grade level at the same school and meet the eligibility requirements  
22 of the class. The school may recommend classroom placement to the  
23 parents and provide professional education advice to the parents to  
24 assist them in making the best decision for their children's

1 education. A school must provide the placement requested by the  
2 children's parent or guardian, unless the district board makes a  
3 classroom placement determination following the school principal's  
4 request according to this section. The parent or guardian must  
5 request the classroom placement no later than fourteen (14) days  
6 after the first day of each school year or fourteen (14) days after  
7 the first day of attendance of the children during a school year if  
8 the children are enrolled in the school after the school year  
9 commences. At the end of the initial grading period, if the school  
10 principal, in consultation with the children's classroom teacher,  
11 determines that the requested classroom placement is disruptive to  
12 the classroom environment, the school principal may request that the  
13 district board determine the children's classroom placement.

14 B. For purposes of this section, "multiple-birth siblings"  
15 means twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or higher number of  
16 siblings resulting from a multiple birth.

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

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

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