

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2271

By: Miller and Jones of the  
House

3 and

4 Crutchfield, Johnson  
5 (Mike), Adelson and Myers  
of the Senate

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8 ( schools - amending 70 O.S., Section 1210.710 -  
9 elementary school counselors - effective date -  
10 emergency )

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.710, as  
15 amended by Section 28, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007,  
16 Section 1210.710), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1210.710 A. It is hereby the intent of the Oklahoma  
18 Legislature to provide funding to urban school districts to hire  
19 school counselors at the elementary level. Preference for funding  
20 shall be given to those urban school districts that have the highest  
21 number of elementary students at-risk and in need of alternative  
22 education. For purposes of this section, "urban school district"  
23 means a school district with an average daily membership of thirty  
24 thousand (30,000) or more.

1 B. Implementation of this section shall be contingent upon the  
2 appropriation by the Legislature of state funds for the specific  
3 purpose of implementing this section. Nothing in this section shall  
4 prevent the State Board of Education or a school district board of  
5 education from utilizing private, local, or federal funds to  
6 implement this section.

7 C. Implementation of this section shall be delayed until the  
8 current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public  
9 elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for the 1998-  
10 99 school year or any school year thereafter for Oklahoma, as  
11 reported by the National Center for Education Statistics annually in  
12 the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches at least ninety percent  
13 (90%) of the regional average expenditure for that same year, and  
14 funds are provided. For purposes of this section, the regional  
15 average expenditure shall consist of the current expenditure per  
16 pupil in average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary  
17 schools in unadjusted dollars for each of the following states:  
18 Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and  
19 Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of each year, the State  
20 Board of Education shall report, in either written or electronic  
21 form, whether or not the ninety-percent expenditure level has been  
22 reached based on information reported annually in the Digest of  
23 Education Statistics by the National Center for Education  
24 Statistics. This section shall be implemented on July 1 after the

