

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3395

By: Cargill, Cox, Miller,
Shumate and Pittman of the
House

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4 and

5 Johnson (Mike) of the
6 Senate

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8 (schools - School Health Coordinators Pilot Program -
9 codification - effective date -
10 emergency)

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100c of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Contingent on the availability of funding, the State
18 Department of Education shall contract with a statewide nonprofit
19 school health program that promotes the health needs of students to
20 establish a School Health Coordinators Pilot Program. The purpose
21 of the Pilot Program shall be to assist elementary schools and the
22 Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees in elementary schools in
23 implementing health and wellness programs and providing health and
24 wellness information to students in the elementary schools. The

1 State Department of Education shall oversee the Pilot Program. The
2 Pilot Program contractor shall coordinate the Pilot Program and
3 provide the required support to schools to allow for participation
4 in the Pilot Program.

5 B. The Department shall conduct the Pilot Program for a period
6 of not less than five (5) years. The Pilot Program contractor shall
7 employ and provide for the salary and benefits of school health
8 coordinators, along with training and school support needed to
9 implement the Pilot Program. The number of school health
10 coordinators employed in years one and two of the Pilot Program
11 shall be contingent upon funding and other factors as determined by
12 the Department in conjunction with the Pilot Program contractor. By
13 year three of the Pilot Program, not less than six school health
14 coordinators shall be employed by the Pilot Program contractor with
15 one school health coordinator assigned to each quadrant of the
16 state, one assigned to the Tulsa metropolitan area, and one assigned
17 to the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. A Pilot Program
18 coordinator, Pilot Program contractor monitor, and additional school
19 health coordinators may be employed if funds are available. A
20 person employed as a school health coordinator shall at a minimum
21 have a baccalaureate degree in health, community health, education,
22 physical education, or nursing.

23 C. The school health coordinators shall be responsible for:
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- 1 1. Facilitating the activities of and providing assistance and
2 expertise to the Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees in
3 elementary schools;
- 4 2. Providing professional development opportunities for
5 teachers;
- 6 3. Providing curriculum, materials, and resources to elementary
7 schools for school health programs, which may include health
8 education, physical education, health services, nutrition services,
9 school climate, physical environment, health promotion and wellness,
10 and youth, family, and community involvement;
- 11 4. Assisting elementary schools in completing the School Health
12 Index;
- 13 5. Interacting with parent organizations in public schools in
14 order to educate parents about health and wellness issues; and
- 15 6. Conducting a public health media campaign for students and
16 their families.

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

21 E. The Pilot Program contractor in partnership with an
22 evaluation entity shall conduct an annual evaluation of the
23 effectiveness and impact of the Pilot Program. A copy of the
24 evaluation shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
2 Senate.

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

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

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

10 Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2008.

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14 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

15 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2008.

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