

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1612

By: Justice of the Senate

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4 Winchester of the House

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7 [public health - Quality Afterschool Opportunities
8 Act to Reduce Childhood Obesity and Improve
9 Academic Performance - codification -
10 effective date]

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

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SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

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in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2a of Title 63, unless

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there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Quality

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Afterschool Opportunities Act to Reduce Childhood Obesity and

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Improve Academic Performance".

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SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

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in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2b of Title 63, unless

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there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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A. The Legislature recognizes that:

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1 1. Childhood obesity poses a major risk to the health and
2 future on Oklahoma's children, and this challenge must be addressed
3 through a comprehensive approach that includes parents, schools,
4 child care providers, community- and faith-based organizations,
5 health care professionals, civic leaders and many others; and

6 2. Evidence-based nutrition education and increased physical
7 activity are well-established means of addressing the problem, but
8 not all Oklahoma families are able to take advantage of
9 opportunities to provide these benefits for their children.

10 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that support shall be
11 provided to established afterschool programs to fully integrate
12 evidence-based obesity-prevention and reduction curriculum that
13 includes structured opportunities for increasing physical activity
14 and promoting health eating and nutrition habits.

15 C. A successful Quality Afterschool Opportunities Initiative
16 will require the resources, expertise and collaboration of a variety
17 of state agencies, including the State Department of Health, the
18 State Department of Education and the Department of Human Services,
19 with advice and guidance from a statewide non-profit afterschool
20 network.

21 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2c of Title 63, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 A. In order to combat the increasing rate of childhood obesity
2 in the state, the State Department of Health shall create the
3 Oklahoma Quality Afterschool Opportunities Initiative to Reduce
4 Childhood Obesity and Improve Academic Performance. This initiative
5 shall establish and maintain a program to award grants to
6 comprehensive, community-based afterschool programs that include
7 evidence-based obesity reduction components.

8 B. The Department shall, at a minimum:

- 9 1. Develop an application process;
- 10 2. Determine minimum eligibility requirements for applicants;
- 11 3. Develop procedures and criteria for awarding grants; and
- 12 4. Determine the minimum and maximum amounts to be awarded;

13 C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules as
14 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

15 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

16 Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

20 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
21 2008.

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