

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1612

By: Justice of the Senate

and

Winchester, McCullough,
McDaniel (Jeannie),
Pittman, Bighorse, Hoskin,
Kiesel, Proctor, Renegar,
Sherrer and Shumate of the
House

An Act relating to public health; creating the Quality Afterschool Opportunities Act to Reduce Childhood Obesity and Improve Academic Performance; providing short title; stating legislative findings and intent; directing the State Department of Health to establish certain grant program; directing the Department to develop application process, set eligibility requirements, and determine criteria for grants; directing the State Board of Health to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 1-559.2a of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Quality Afterschool Opportunities Act to Reduce Childhood Obesity and Improve Academic Performance".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2b of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature recognizes that:

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

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

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

C. A successful Quality Afterschool Opportunities Initiative will require the resources, expertise and collaboration of a variety of state agencies, including the State Department of Health, the State Department of Education and the Department of Human Services, with advice and guidance from a statewide nonprofit afterschool network.

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

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

B. The Department shall, at a minimum:

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 1st day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

