

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 3395

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3395 - By: CARGILL, COX,
MILLER AND SHUMATE of the House and _____ of the Senate.

(Schools - School Health Coordinators Pilot Program – codification - effective
date –
emergency)

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

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

4 A. Contingent on the availability of funding, the State Department of Education
5 shall contract with a statewide nonprofit school health program that promotes the health
6 needs of students to establish a School Health Coordinators Pilot Program. The purpose
7 of the Pilot Program shall be to assist elementary schools and the Healthy and Fit School
8 Advisory Committees in elementary schools in implementing health and wellness
9 programs and providing health and wellness information to students in the elementary
10 schools. The State Department of Education shall oversee the Pilot Program. The Pilot
11 Program contractor shall coordinate the Pilot Program and provide the required support
12 to schools to allow for participation in the Pilot Program.

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

15 C. The school health coordinators shall be responsible for:

- 16 1. Facilitating the activities of and providing assistance and expertise to the
17 Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committees in elementary schools;
- 18 2. Providing professional development opportunities for teachers;
- 19 3. Providing curriculum, materials, and resources to elementary schools for school
20 health programs, which may include health education, physical education, health
21 services, nutrition services, school climate, physical environment, health promotion and
22 wellness, and youth, family, and community involvement;

1 4. Assisting elementary schools in completing the School Health Index;

2 5. Interacting with parent organizations in public schools in order to educate
3 parents about health and wellness issues; and

4 6. Conducting a public health media campaign for students and their families.

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

9 E. The Pilot Program contractor in partnership with an evaluation entity shall
10 conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of the Pilot Program. A
11 copy of the evaluation shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 02-28-08 - DO
20 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.