

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 2037

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2037 - By:
NICHOLS of the Senate and PETERSON (RON) AND KERN of the House.

An Act relating to schools; providing for classroom placement of multiple-birth siblings; defining term; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an 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 24-154 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
4 A. A parent or guardian of multiple-birth siblings may request that the children
5 attend the same school and be placed in the same classroom or in separate classrooms if
6 the children are in the same grade level at the same school and meet the eligibility
7 requirements of the class. The school may recommend classroom placement to the
8 parents and provide professional education advice to the parents to assist them in
9 making the best decision for their children's education. A school must provide the
10 placement requested by the children's parent or guardian, unless the district board
11 makes a classroom placement determination following the school principal's request

1 according to this section. The parent or guardian must request the classroom placement
2 no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of each school year or fourteen (14)
3 days after the first day of attendance of the children during a school year if the children
4 are enrolled in the school after the school year commences. At the end of the initial
5 grading period, if the school principal, in consultation with the children's classroom
6 teacher, determines that the requested classroom placement is disruptive to the
7 classroom environment, the school principal may request that the district board
8 determine the children's classroom placement.

9 B. For purposes of this section, "multiple-birth siblings" means twins, triplets,
10 quadruplets, quintuplets, or higher number of siblings resulting from a multiple birth.

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

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

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 04-14-08 - DO
16 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.