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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, April 7, 2008

ENGROSSED
House Bill No. 3395
As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3395 - By: Cargill, Cox, Miller, Shumate and Pittman of the House and Johnson (Mike) of the Senate.

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

~~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 24-100c of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1 provide the required support to schools to allow for participation
2 in the Pilot Program.

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

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

- 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

1 evaluation shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
3 Senate.

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

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

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

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-2-08 - DO
12 PASS, As Amended.