

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3250

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; providing for grants for
8 Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) and drop out
9 prevention coaches; stating purpose of the grants;
10 providing for expenditures; establishing eligibility
11 criteria; listing certain factors; giving priority to
12 certain school districts; providing for grant
13 amounts; directing the Board to determine a coach to
14 student ratio; requiring the Board to establish
15 certain criteria and a process for consideration of
16 applications; requiring a statewide competitive
17 process; directing the Board to promulgate rules;
18 providing for codification; providing an effective
19 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

26 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
27 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-127B of Title 70, unless there
28 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

29 A. For the purpose of providing Achieving Classroom Excellence
30 (ACE) graduation and drop out prevention coaches to school districts
31 with a high population of at-risk students, the State Board of
32 Education shall award renewable grants to school districts that
33 serve secondary students. The grants will provide funds to pay the

1 salary of the ACE graduation and drop out prevention coaches and
2 other resources to support the program implemented by the school
3 district.

4 B. In order to qualify for a grant pursuant to this section,
5 the Board shall determine that a majority of the students served by
6 the school district are at-risk. The Board shall look at the
7 following factors to determine if a majority of the students are at-
8 risk:

- 9 1. Attendance rates;
- 10 2. Grades and retention rates;
- 11 3. In-school suspension data;
- 12 4. Number of disciplinary referrals; and
- 13 5. Reported incidences of substance abuse.

14 C. Any school district which has been determined by the Board
15 to have a high population of at-risk students shall be given
16 priority for receipt of a grant. Grants shall be awarded based on
17 the amount of funds allocated to the Board for the purposes of this
18 section. The Board shall adopt guidelines establishing the ratio of
19 ACE and drop out prevention coaches to students. The amount of the
20 grant applied for by a school district shall be based on the average
21 daily membership of the district and the established ratio of ACE
22 and drop out prevention coaches to students.

23 D. The Board shall determine criteria and establish a process
24 for consideration of proposals. The proposals for the grant program

1 shall be consider on a statewide competitive basis. The Board shall
2 promulgate rules for the operation of the grant program.

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

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

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