

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3395

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State
8 Department of Education to establish a School Health
9 Educators Pilot Program; stating purpose of the
10 program; directing the Department to coordinate the
11 program; providing for employment of school health
12 educators; providing for assignment of the school
13 health educators; authorizing additional employees;
14 specifying certain qualifications; stating
15 responsibilities of the school health educators;
16 directing the Department to conduct and submit an
17 annual evaluation of the program; directing the State
18 Board of Education to promulgate rules; providing for
19 codification; providing an effective date; and
20 declaring an emergency.

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

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

25 A. Contingent on the availability of funding, the State
26 Department of Education shall establish a School Health Educators
27 Pilot Program to assist school districts and the Healthy and Fit
28 School Advisory Committees in each school district in the state in
29 implementing health and wellness programs and providing health and

1 wellness information to students in the schools. The State
2 Department of Education shall coordinate the pilot program and
3 provide the required support to schools to allow for participation
4 in the program.

5 B. The Department shall for a period of five (5) years employ
6 and provide for the salary and benefits of six school health
7 educators, along with training and school support needed to
8 implement the program. One school health educator shall be assigned
9 to each quadrant of the state, one shall be assigned to the Tulsa
10 metropolitan area, and one shall be assigned to the Oklahoma City
11 metropolitan area. A program coordinator and additional school
12 health educators may be employed if funds are available. A person
13 employed as a school health educator shall at a minimum have a
14 bachelor's degree in community health, health education or a nursing
15 degree.

16 C. The school health educators shall be responsible for:

17 1. Overseeing the activities of and assisting the Healthy and
18 Fit School Advisory Committees in each public school;

19 2. Providing professional development opportunities for
20 teachers;

21 3. Providing health education curriculum, materials, and
22 resources to school districts;

23 4. Interacting with parent organizations in public schools in
24 order to educate parents about health and wellness issues; and

1 5. Conducting a public health media campaign for students and
2 their families.

3 D. The Department in partnership with the University of
4 Oklahoma Health Sciences Center shall conduct an annual evaluation
5 of the effectiveness and impact of the program. A copy of the
6 evaluation shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate.

9 E. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

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