

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE BILL 1448

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Classroom  
8 Modernization Act; providing short title; stating  
9 purpose; directing State Board of Education to  
10 identify qualifying schools; providing certain  
11 limitation; providing schools selected with certain  
12 technology upgrades; basing number of grants awarded  
13 on amount of funds available; directing State Board  
14 of Education to develop eligibility criteria,  
15 evaluate and report on program, and adopt rules;  
16 providing for codification; providing an effective  
17 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.559 of Title 70, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Classroom  
Modernization Act".

B. In order to improve student preparation for the reality and  
demands of the world of work and to update the technological  
infrastructure of the public school classrooms in this state, there  
is hereby created the Classroom Modernization Grant Program.

1 C. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, and each year  
2 thereafter, the State Board of Education shall identify public  
3 schools with low student achievement at the secondary school level,  
4 subject to a limit of one school selected per school district each  
5 year. Each school selected shall be provided a technology upgrade  
6 package for a classroom which includes a laptop computer for each  
7 student, a productivity suite software program for each computer,  
8 and any other items deemed necessary by the State Department of  
9 Education to upgrade the technological needs of the classroom. The  
10 number of schools awarded grants each year shall be determined based  
11 on the total amount of funds available and the number of computers  
12 necessary for a class of students at each qualifying school site.

13 B. The State Board of Education shall develop eligibility  
14 criteria for schools to qualify for a Classroom Modernization Grant  
15 pursuant to this section, annually evaluate and report to the  
16 Legislature and Governor on the effectiveness of this program, and  
17 adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

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