

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1612

By: Justice

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; creating the  
8 Quality Afterschool Opportunities Act to Reduce  
9 Childhood Obesity and Improve Academic Performance;  
10 providing short title; providing legislative findings  
11 and intent; directing the State Department of Health  
12 to establish certain grant program; directing the  
13 Department to develop application process, set  
14 eligibility, determine selection criteria and set  
15 grant amounts; directing the State Board of Health to  
16 promulgate rules; providing for codification; and  
17 providing for an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2a of Title 63, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Quality  
23 Afterschool Opportunities Act to Reduce Childhood Obesity and  
24 Improve Academic Performance".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2b of Title 63, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. The Legislature recognizes that:

2       1. Childhood obesity poses a major risk to the health and  
3 future on Oklahoma's children, and this challenge must be addressed  
4 through a comprehensive approach that includes parents, schools,  
5 child care providers, community- and faith-based organizations,  
6 health care professionals, civic leaders and many others; and

7       2. Evidence-based nutrition education and increased physical  
8 activity are well-established means of addressing the problem, but  
9 not all Oklahoma families are able to take advantage of  
10 opportunities to provide these benefits for their children.

11       B. It is the intent of the Legislature that support shall be  
12 provided to established afterschool programs to fully integrate  
13 evidence-based obesity-prevention and reduction curriculum that  
14 includes structured opportunities for increasing physical activity  
15 and promoting health eating and nutrition habits.

16       C. A successful Quality Afterschool Opportunities Initiative  
17 will require the resources, expertise and collaboration of a variety  
18 of state agencies, including the State Department of Health, the  
19 State Department of Education and the Department of Human Services,  
20 with advice and guidance from a statewide non-profit afterschool  
21 network.

22       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-559.2c of Title 63, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. In order to combat the increasing rate of childhood obesity  
2 in the state, the State Department of Health shall create the  
3 Oklahoma Quality Afterschool Opportunities Initiative to Reduce  
4 Childhood Obesity and Improve Academic Performance. This initiative  
5 shall establish and maintain a program to award grants to  
6 comprehensive, community-based afterschool programs that include  
7 evidence-based obesity reduction components.

- 8       B. The Department shall, at a minimum:
- 9       1. develop an application process;
  - 10       2. determine minimum eligibility requirements for applicants;
  - 11       3. develop procedures and criteria for awarding grants; and
  - 12       4. determine the minimum and maximum amounts to be awarded;

13       C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules as  
14 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

15       SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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