

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1884

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; establishing the School
8 Social Work Pilot Program; providing for
9 establishment of program contingent on funding;
10 specifying areas from which pilot schools will be
11 selected; providing for award of funding for certain
12 purpose to pilot schools; giving preference to
13 applicants meeting certain criteria; defining term;
14 directing State Department of Education to award
15 certain grant for technical assistance; stipulating
16 capabilities of technical assistance provider;
17 providing for contingent renewal of grant; stating
18 duties of technical assistance provider; directing
19 State Board of Education to promulgate rules;
20 providing for codification; providing an effective
21 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-100c of Title 70, unless
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 Social Work Pilot
27 Program to provide public schools with professional resources to

1 assist at-risk students and to enhance the district's ability to
2 meet its academic mission.

3 B. A minimum of fifteen pilot schools shall be selected each
4 year to represent urban, suburban, and rural areas of the state.

5 C. Pilot schools selected shall be awarded funding for a period
6 of three (3) years to provide for fifty percent (50%) of the salary
7 and benefits necessary to employ a school social worker.

8 D. Preference shall be given to applicant schools that:

- 9 1. Are on the school improvement list;
- 10 2. Have few other resources;
- 11 3. Can demonstrate sustainability; and
- 12 4. Agree to maintain and update all data collection required
13 for the program.

14 E. For purposes of this act, a "school social worker" is
15 defined as a person holding a Master of Social Work degree from an
16 accredited School of Social Work.

17 F. 1. From funds available for the School Social Work Pilot
18 Program, the State Department of Education shall award to the lowest
19 and best bidder through a competitive bid process a grant for
20 technical assistance for the School Social Work Pilot Program. The
21 technical assistance provider shall demonstrate capability to
22 provide training of school social workers as required for the
23 program and evaluation of the program, including appropriate data
24 collection and reporting. The technical assistance provider shall

1 have priority, if its operations are deemed satisfactory by the
2 Department and if funds are available, for annual renewal of the
3 grant.

4 2. The duties of the technical assistance provider shall
5 include, but not be limited to:

6 a. providing training for all school social workers
7 employed by pilot schools,

8 b. data collection, and

9 c. providing a program analysis and evaluation of the
10 School Social Work Pilot Program to the Department and
11 Legislature by October 1 of each year.

12 G. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
13 necessary for the implementation of this section.

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

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

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