

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; providing for classroom
8 placement of multiple birth siblings; defining term;
9 providing for codification; providing an effective
10 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-154 of Title 70, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. A parent or guardian of multiple birth siblings may request
16 that the children attend the same school and be placed in the same
17 classroom or in separate classrooms if the children are in the same
18 grade level at the same school and meet the eligibility requirements
19 of the class. The school may recommend classroom placement to the
20 parents and provide professional education advice to the parents to
21 assist them in making the best decision for their children's
22 education. A school must provide the placement requested by the
23 children's parent or guardian, unless the district board makes a
24 classroom placement determination following the school principal's

1 request according to this section. The parent or guardian must
2 request the classroom placement no later than fourteen (14) days
3 after the first day of each school year or fourteen (14) days after
4 the first day of attendance of the children during a school year if
5 the children are enrolled in the school after the school year
6 commences. At the end of the initial grading period, if the school
7 principal, in consultation with the children's classroom teacher,
8 determines that the requested classroom placement is disruptive to
9 the classroom environment, the school principal may request that the
10 district board determine the children's classroom placement.

11 B. For purposes of this section, "multiple birth siblings"
12 means twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or higher number of
13 siblings resulting from a multiple birth.

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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