

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1508

By: Christian and Blackwell of  
the House

and

Reynolds of the Senate

( higher education - amending 70 O.S., Section  
698.3 - teacher shortage employment incentive  
program - effective date -

emergency )

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause  
and entire bill and insert

"[ higher education - amending 70 O.S., Section 698.3 -  
teacher shortage employment incentive program -  
schools and organizations - codification - effective  
date -

emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 698.3, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 698.3 A. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature  
that, ~~beginning with the 2001 2002 school year,~~ the Oklahoma State

1 Regents for Higher Education establish a teacher shortage employment  
2 incentive program for students enrolled:

3 1. Enrolled in a major course of study in mathematics or  
4 science at the undergraduate level or graduate level who declare an  
5 intention to serve and who subsequently serve this state by teaching  
6 in a secondary level public school of this state for a minimum of  
7 five (5) years in the subject areas of mathematics or science; or

8 2. Who have completed an undergraduate degree and are enrolled  
9 in a graduate level of study in mathematics or science who declare  
10 an intention to serve and who subsequently serve this state by  
11 teaching full time at a regional university or two-year college  
12 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for a minimum  
13 of five (5) years in the subject areas of mathematics or science.

14 B. Students meeting the criteria provided in subsection A of  
15 this section shall be given the opportunity to enter into  
16 participation in the program.

17 ~~B.~~ C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are  
18 authorized to make employment incentive payments pursuant to the  
19 provisions of this section to persons who actually render a minimum  
20 of five (5) years of service as teachers in the public schools of  
21 this state or as full-time instructors at either regional  
22 universities or two-year colleges within The Oklahoma State System  
23 of Higher Education if not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of  
24 the teaching assignment meets the criteria specified in subsection A

1 of this section. The total amount of the employment incentive  
2 payments for any qualified person shall not exceed an amount equal  
3 to three times the average annual cost of undergraduate or graduate  
4 resident tuition and fees for full-time enrollment at institutions  
5 which offer teacher education programs within The Oklahoma State  
6 System of Higher Education, as defined by the State Regents. Any  
7 amount not necessary to repay the loan balance of a ~~student's~~  
8 ~~loan(s)~~ student shall be paid directly to any person otherwise  
9 eligible for employment incentive payments pursuant to this section.

10 ~~C.~~ D. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
11 require the execution of appropriate contracts with eligible  
12 persons. Persons failing to comply with the requirements of this  
13 section shall not be eligible for the employment incentive payments  
14 provided for in this section. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State  
15 Regents for Higher Education, with approval of the State Regents,  
16 may contract with any other appropriate organization or unit of  
17 government for the administration of the provisions of this section.

18 ~~D.~~ E. If insufficient funds are available for employment  
19 incentive payments to qualified persons during any fiscal year, the  
20 Chancellor may make reductions in the payments made to those  
21 qualifying.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-155 of Title 70, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 No public school or school district shall belong to an  
2 organization that conducts student sports or interscholastic  
3 competitive events or participate in a student sports or other  
4 interscholastic competition, including speech, drama, music, debate,  
5 academic, vocational education, agriculture, or homemaking  
6 competition, sponsored by such organization unless the organization  
7 allows a school district to include as competitors in the above  
8 specified individual participation events persons between six (6)  
9 years and nineteen (19) years of age who:

- 10 1. Are not enrolled as students in any public school within the  
11 district;
- 12 2. Are residents of the district;
- 13 3. Are actively pursuing elementary or secondary education in  
14 grades one through twelve;
- 15 4. Meet all eligibility requirements for participation set by  
16 the organization or the school except class attendance requirements;  
17 and
- 18 5. Have not been declared academically ineligible to  
19 participate during the preceding two (2) school years.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

21 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
23 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
24 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

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and when the title is restored amend the title to conform

Passed the Senate the 14th day of April, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives