

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1119

By: Miller and Martin (Scott)
of the House

3 and

4 Johnson (Mike) and Myers of
5 the Senate

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8 (schools - amending 70 O.S., Section 1210.710 -
9 elementary school counselors -
10 reporting requirements)
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.710, as
15 amended by Section 28, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008,
16 Section 1210.710), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1210.710 A. It is hereby the intent of the Oklahoma
18 Legislature to provide funding to urban school districts to hire
19 school counselors at the elementary level. Preference for funding
20 shall be given to those urban school districts that have the highest
21 number of elementary students at-risk and in need of alternative
22 education. For purposes of this section, "urban school district"
23 means a school district with an average daily membership of thirty
24 thousand (30,000) or more.

1 B. Implementation of this section shall be contingent upon the
2 appropriation by the Legislature of state funds for the specific
3 purpose of implementing this section. Nothing in this section shall
4 prevent the State Board of Education or a school district board of
5 education from utilizing private, local, or federal funds to
6 implement this section.

7 C. Implementation of this section shall be delayed until the
8 current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public
9 elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for the 1998-
10 99 school year or any school year thereafter for Oklahoma, as
11 reported by the National Center for Education Statistics annually in
12 the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches at least ninety percent
13 (90%) of the regional average expenditure for that same year, and
14 funds are provided. For purposes of this section, the regional
15 average expenditure shall consist of the current expenditure per
16 pupil in average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary
17 schools in unadjusted dollars for each of the following states:
18 Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and
19 Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of each year, the State
20 Board of Education shall report, in either written or electronic
21 form, whether or not the ninety-percent expenditure level has been
22 reached based on information reported annually in the Digest of
23 Education Statistics by the National Center for Education
24 Statistics. This section shall be implemented on July 1 after the

1 first January 1 report verifies that the ninety-percent expenditure
2 level has been reached and funds have been provided for the specific
3 purposes of this section.

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2009.

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7 Presiding Officer of the House of
8 Representatives

9 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2009.

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