

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 605

By: Lamb of the Senate

and

Denney and Wright (John) of
the House

An Act relating to school security; amending Section 8, Chapter 216, O.S.L. 2008 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 51.2a), which relates to emergency preparedness grants; including state appropriations in funding contingency; authorizing award of grants to technology center schools; establishing Oklahoma School Security Grant Program Act; providing short title; directing Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to solicit proposals and make grants for campus security to certain institutions; stating goals and objectives of program; directing Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to determine grant project criteria and establish certain process; providing for consideration of proposals on statewide competitive basis; providing for annual report; establishing Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund; specifying source of funds and expenditures from fund; providing procedures for payment of expenditures; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 216, O.S.L. 2008 (74 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 51.2a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 51.2a Contingent upon the availability of designated funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security or state appropriations, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall make grant monies available to:

1. Public schools, private schools, technology center schools, and institutions of higher learning in the State of Oklahoma to encourage greater emergency preparedness, including, but not limited to, improvement of plans and procedures for natural and man-made disaster and emergencies, improvement of security on campus, at events, and with regard to buses and other transportation, and improvement of communications strategies and equipment; and

2. Local law enforcement, emergency management, disaster relief, and public health entities in the State of Oklahoma to encourage the active engagement of such entities with public schools, private schools, technology center schools, and institutions of higher learning in their efforts to improve emergency preparedness.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 51.2b of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma School Security Grant Program Act".

B. The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall solicit proposals for and make grants for the enhancement of campus security at institutions of higher learning, technology center schools, public schools, and private schools.

C. The goals and objectives of the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program are to:

1. Increase the awareness of the public and educational institutions of the risks, threats, and vulnerabilities of school campuses as well as mitigation strategies;

2. Incentivize participation in school security training programs designed to assess campus risks, threats, and vulnerabilities;

3. Provide assistance to institutions of higher learning, technology center schools, public schools, and private schools initiating or implementing school security plans, programs, and activities; and

4. Build upon the success of the pilot Education Grant Program established by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security.

D. The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall determine grant project criteria and establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The proposals shall be considered on a statewide competitive basis among peer institutions.

E. On or before January 1, 2010, and each year thereafter, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security shall prepare an annual report on the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program and submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 51.2c of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to be designated the "Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund". The Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies received by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security from:

1. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received from other state agencies and entities of state government for school security;

2. Reimbursements, grants, or other monies received by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security from the United States government obligated to school security projects;

3. Gifts, donations, and bequests; and
4. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state.

B. All monies accruing to the credit of the Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security for the administration of the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program. Contingent upon the availability of funding, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security may make grants each year to institutions of higher learning, technology center schools, public schools, and private schools as provided in Section 2 of this act.

C. Expenditures from the Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives