

EHB 1119

THE STATE SENATE
Monday, March 30, 2009

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1119

As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1119 - By: Miller and Martin (Scott) of the House and Johnson (Mike) and Myers of the Senate.

[schools - amending 70 O.S., Section 1210.710 - elementary school counselors - reporting requirements]

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

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

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

B. Implementation of this section shall be contingent upon the appropriation by the Legislature of state funds for the specific purpose of implementing this section. Nothing in this section shall

(Bold face denotes Committee Amendments)

1 prevent the State Board of Education or a school district board of
2 education from utilizing private, local, or federal funds to
3 implement this section.

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

1 level has been reached and funds have been provided for the specific
2 purposes of this section.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 3-25-09 - DO
4 PASS, As Amended.