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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 22, 2010

Senate Bill No. 2141
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 2141 - By: Jolley of the Senate and Denney of the House.

[public health and safety - Oklahoma Certified Healthy Schools Act - establish and maintain certification program - specifying membership - specifying use of funds - codification - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2061 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Certified Healthy Schools Act".

B. The State Department of Health shall establish and maintain a program for the voluntary certification of schools that promotes wellness, encourages the adoption of healthy behaviors, and establishes safe and supportive environments.

C. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Healthy Schools Advisory Committee. The advisory committee shall be composed of members appointed by the State Commissioner of Health and, at a minimum, shall include:

1 1. Representatives from a statewide nonprofit and nonpartisan
2 organization that seeks to foster collaboration and encourage
3 community and legislative action;

4 2. Representatives from an organization that seeks to involve
5 communities and consumers in creating a healthier future;

6 3. Representatives from a statewide business organization;

7 4. A statewide association of parents, teachers, and students;
8 and

9 5. A statewide association that provides training and
10 information services to school board members.

11 D. The program shall recognize three levels of certification as
12 follows:

13 1. Basic certification;

14 2. Merit certification; and

15 3. Excellence certification.

16 E. The Department, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Healthy
17 Schools Advisory Committee, shall develop criteria for
18 certification, which, at a minimum, shall include the following for
19 each level of certification:

20 1. Basic certification: The school shall meet at least two (2)
21 criteria in each of the components of the Center for Disease Control
22 and Prevention's Coordinated School Health Program model;

1 2. Merit certification: The school shall meet at least three
2 (3) criteria in each of the components of the Center for Disease
3 Control and Prevention's Coordinated School Health Program model;
4 and

5 3. Excellence certification: The schools shall meet at least
6 four (4) criteria in each of the components of the Center for
7 Disease Control and Prevention's Coordinated School Health Program
8 model.

9 F. Subject to available funding appropriated for this purpose,
10 the Department may provide a monetary reward to schools that earn
11 certification as follows:

12 1. Basic certification: Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
13 (\$2,500.00);

14 2. Merit certification: Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

15 3. Excellence certification: Ten Thousand Dollars
16 (\$10,000.00).

17 G. Schools that obtain a reward pursuant to subsection F of
18 this section shall use the funds for the enhancement of wellness
19 activities and the promotion of healthy environments. Such
20 activities may include, but are not limited to:

21 1. Improving playgrounds;

22 2. Purchasing sports equipment; and

23 3. Equipping school kitchens for healthy cooking.

1 H. The Department shall develop an online application form for
2 schools seeking to become an Oklahoma Certified Healthy School.

3 I. The State Board of Health may promulgate rules as necessary
4 to implement the provisions of this act.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-17-10 - DO
7 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.