

SB 605

THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 23, 2009

Senate Bill No. 605
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 605 - By: Lamb of the Senate and Denney of the House.

[school security - emergency preparedness grants -
codification - effective date -
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
20 fund for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to be designated
21 the "Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund". The Oklahoma School
22 Security Revolving Fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to

1 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies received by the
2 Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security from:

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

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

8 3. Gifts, donations, and bequests; and

9 4. Monies appropriated or apportioned by the state.

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

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

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

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-09 - DO
6 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.