

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1085

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State
8 Department of Education to establish a Teacher-Child
9 Interaction Training Pilot Program; making Pilot
10 Program contingent upon funding; specifying contents
11 of the behavior management plans; directing the State
12 Board of Education to contract with a private
13 provider for operation of the Pilot Program; stating
14 qualifications of the private provider; providing for
length of Pilot Program and selection of
participating school sites; stating duties of the
private provider; providing for employment of
personnel needed to operate the Pilot Program;
directing the Board to promulgate rules; providing
for codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-194.3 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Contingent upon the availability of funding, the State
22 Department of Education shall establish a Teacher-Child Interaction
23 Training Pilot Program to assist schools in implementing a
24 schoolwide behavior management plan. The behavior management plan

1 shall include training teachers in nonconfrontational disciplinary
2 procedures, providing cognitive therapy for individual students, and
3 when appropriate parent counseling and training. The Department
4 shall coordinate the Pilot Program and the State Board of Education
5 shall contract with a private provider for operation of the Pilot
6 Program. The private provider shall be an entity located in
7 Oklahoma with experience in providing workshops and training in
8 classroom management techniques to public schools in the state and
9 which has a licensed psychologist on staff.

10 B. The Department shall conduct the Pilot Program which shall
11 be for a period of not less than three (3) years and shall be
12 implemented in not more than six school sites. The number of school
13 sites selected to participate in the Pilot Program shall be
14 dependent upon the availability of funding. School sites shall be
15 selected based on submission of an application to participate and
16 other factors as determined by the Department in conjunction with
17 the private provider. The school sites selected to participate
18 shall be evenly divided between rural schools and urban schools.

19 C. The duties of the private provider contracting for operation
20 of the Pilot Program shall include:

21 1. Providing licensed professional counselor and case
22 management services to each participating school site, providing for
23 the services of school psychologists, behavioral specialists, and
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1 licensed psychologists for the Program, and providing administrative
2 support for the Program;

3 2. Providing ongoing services, assistance, and training to the
4 participating school sites; and

5 3. Reporting the results of the Pilot Program to the State
6 Board of Education, including the impact of the behavioral
7 management plan on student disciplinary referrals, student academic
8 achievement, and teacher satisfaction.

9 D. The State Board of Education shall not employ any additional
10 personnel to provide the services to school sites participating in
11 the Pilot Program. Any personnel necessary to implement the Pilot
12 Program shall be employed by the private provider selected by the
13 Board to operate the Pilot Program.

14 E. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
15 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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

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