ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1185 By: Paddack and Brecheen of the Senate

and

Denney of the House

An Act relating to professional development in schools; creating the School Administrator Professional Development Pilot Program; stating purpose; providing guidelines; requiring participation by certain persons; requiring the State Department of Education to approve certain entities; requiring the State Department of Education to pay for associated costs; requiring promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 6-194.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to available funding, the State Board of Education shall establish and administer the School Administrator Professional Development Pilot Program.

B. The pilot program shall be implemented to improve leadership skills through requiring the completion of professional development academies according to the following guidelines:

1. School principals, between their second and fifth year as a school principal, shall complete ten (10) hours of a content-specific academy designed to improve their leadership and organizational skills.

2. Any principal of a school that does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) pursuant to Section 1210.541 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be required to complete six (6) hours of a content-specific academy following the school year in which the school did not make AYP.

3. The content-specific academy required by this subsection shall include but is not limited to the following topics:

a. education leadership, including vision, culture and equity,

b. resolving complex problems, including ethics, instruction and management,

c. communications, including advocacy, and

d. developing self and others, including learners, learning and leadership.

C. Prior to implementation, the State Department of Education shall develop a list of approved professional development providers based upon proven capacity to deliver research-based instruction.

D. Subject to available funding, the State Department of Education shall pay for all reasonable costs associated with

attendance of an approved academy, including but not limited to tuition, fees, mileage, and lodging.

E. The State Board of Education shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. 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 5th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives