

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 27, 2012

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1821

By: Halligan of the Senate

4 and

5 Denney of the House

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8 An Act relating to school improvement; providing that
9 parents of students at certain schools may petition
10 the school board to implement certain changes;
11 directing school boards to implement requested
12 changes unless they demonstrate an inability to
13 comply; providing school districts shall implement
14 certain alternative option; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

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 1210.544-1 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 For any school that is identified as a persistently low
22 achieving school, as provided in Section 1210.544 of Title 70 of the
23 Oklahoma Statutes, and where at least one-half (1/2) of the parents
24 or legal guardians of students attending the school, or a
combination of at least one-half (1/2) of the parents or legal
guardians of students attending the school and the elementary or

1 middle schools which normally matriculate into a middle or high
2 school, as applicable, sign a petition requesting the school board
3 to implement one or more of the alternative governance arrangements
4 as provided in Section 1210.544 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
5 Statutes, the school board shall implement the option requested by
6 the parents unless, in a regularly scheduled board meeting, the
7 school board makes a finding in writing stating the reason it cannot
8 implement the specific recommended option and instead designates in
9 writing which of the options described in Section 1210.544 of Title
10 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes it will implement in the subsequent
11 school year.

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

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

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-27-12 - DO
18 PASS, As Coauthored.

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