

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1821

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.544-1 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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