

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2160

By: Nelson of the House

3 and

4 Jolley of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to schools; requiring the award of
8 court costs and attorney fees to prevailing students
9 or parents in an action filed by a school district;
10 allowing the inclusion of expert witness fees; and
11 providing for codification.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-149 of Title 70, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 If a school district board of education initiates any civil
17 action or proceeding against a current or former student enrolled in
18 the school district or the parent or guardian of a student, and the
19 current or former student or parent or guardian of the student is
20 the prevailing party in the action or proceeding, the court shall
21 enter an order awarding court costs and reasonable attorney fees to
22 the current or former student or parent or guardian of the student.
23 Expert witness fees may be included by the court as part of the
24 costs awarded under this section.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 2013.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2013.

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