

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE BILL 2160

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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;  
11 providing for codification; and declaring an  
12 emergency.

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

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

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

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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