

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1262

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State  
8 Department of Education, with certain approval, to  
9 establish certain pilot program; providing  
10 eligibility for certain schools to receive grants;  
11 providing for grant application on certain form;  
12 creating the Dual-Language Immersion Pilot Program  
13 Revolving Fund; specifying sources of fund; providing  
14 for expenditures; providing definitions; creating the  
15 State Certificate of Biliteracy; providing purpose;  
16 providing meaning for certificate; clarifying  
17 participation in certificate program; directing the  
18 State Board of Education to establish certain  
19 certificate criteria; providing for development of  
20 mechanism to deliver certificate; providing for  
21 sharing of certain information; directing  
22 participating schools to maintain certain records and  
23 make certain designation; prohibiting the charging of  
24 certain fee; providing for 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 12-109 of Title 70, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education, with the approval of the  
State Board of Education, shall establish and maintain the Dual-

1 Language Immersion Pilot Program to provide grants to public schools  
2 and charter schools that establish dual-language immersion programs  
3 in:

- 4 1. Chinese;
- 5 2. Spanish;
- 6 3. French; or
- 7 4. Any other language approved by the Board.

8 B. A public school or charter school may be eligible to receive  
9 a grant under this section if:

10 1. The public school or charter school uses an instructional  
11 model that provides at least fifty percent (50%) of its instruction  
12 in English and fifty percent (50%) of its instruction in a language  
13 listed in subsection A of this section;

14 2. The program that uses an instructional model described in  
15 paragraph 1 of this subsection begins either in kindergarten or  
16 first grade; and

17 3. The program meets any other requirements established by the  
18 Board.

19 C. A public school or charter school seeking to participate in  
20 the Dual-Language Immersion Pilot Program established in subsection  
21 A of this section shall apply to the Department for a grant in the  
22 manner and on a form prescribed by the Department.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-110 of Title 70, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
5 for the State Department of Education to be designated the "Dual-  
6 Language Immersion Pilot Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be  
7 a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
8 consist of all monies received by the State Department of Education  
9 from all monies appropriated or transferred to the fund by the  
10 Legislature. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are  
11 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State  
12 Department of Education for the purpose of administering the Dual-  
13 Language Immersion Pilot Program. Expenditures from the fund shall  
14 be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims  
15 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of  
16 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

17 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-111 of Title 70, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. As used in this section:

21 1. "Foreign language" means any language other than English,  
22 including: modern languages, Latin, American Sign Language, Native  
23 American languages, and native languages;

1           2. "Certificate" means a State Certificate of Biliteracy  
2 created pursuant to subsection B of this section.

3           B. The State Certificate of Biliteracy is hereby created to:

4           1. Encourage students to study languages;

5           2. Certify the attainment of biliteracy;

6           3. Provide employers with a method of identifying individuals  
7 with language and biliteracy skills;

8           4. Provide postsecondary educational institutions with an  
9 additional method to recognize applicants for admission;

10          5. Prepare students with twenty-first century skills;

11          6. Recognize the value of foreign language and native language  
12 instruction in public schools and charter schools; and

13          7. Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of  
14 diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a  
15 community.

16          C. The receipt of the certificate demonstrates the attainment  
17 of a high level of proficiency by a graduate of a public school or  
18 charter school, sufficient for meaningful use in college and a  
19 career, in one or more languages in addition to English.

20          D. A public school or charter school shall not be required to  
21 participate in the certificate program.

22          E. The State Board of Education shall:

23          1. Establish the criteria for earning a certificate, including:  
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- a. the number of credits a student must earn in English language arts and in a language other than English, and
- b. assessments of foreign language and English proficiency the Board considers necessary;

2. Direct the State Department of Education to prepare and deliver to participating public schools and charter schools an appropriate mechanism for awarding the certificate and designating on a student's transcript that the student has been awarded a certificate; and

3. Direct the Department to provide any other information the Board considers necessary for public schools and charter schools to successfully participate in the certificate program.

F. A participating public school or charter school shall:

1. Maintain appropriate records to identify students who have earned a certificate; and

2. Make the appropriate designation on the transcript of each student who earns a certificate.

G. 1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection, a student shall not be charged a fee to receive a certificate pursuant to this section.

2. If necessary, a student may be required to pay a fee to demonstrate proficiency in a language, including the cost of a standardized test to determine proficiency.

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SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-112 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

SECTION 6. 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.

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