

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1593

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Sears of the House

and

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An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 466, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 3-152.1), which relates to the Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program; expanding the program to the top four schools in each category; adding an award for schools that achieve a certain Academic Performance Index (API) score; directing the State Board of Education to make certain determination; limiting number of awards for which a school can qualify; specifying amount of monetary award paid to each qualified employee; modifying definition of qualified employees; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 466, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 3-152.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-152.1 A. The State Board of Education shall develop an Academic Achievement Award (AAA) program. The AAA program shall provide monetary awards to qualified employees at the top four schools that attain the highest overall student achievement and the top four schools that attain the highest annual improvement in student achievement as measured by the Academic Performance Index (API) in each of five groups based on average daily membership (ADM)

as provided for in subsection C of this section. The AAA program shall also provide monetary awards to qualified employees at all schools that attain a total API score of one thousand five hundred (1,500) for regular education students tested.

B. 1. No later than January 31 of each year, the State Board of Education shall provide a monetary award to all qualified employees at school sites designated as recipients of the Academic Achievement Award as calculated pursuant to this section.

2. The Board shall determine the amount of funds available for the AAA program, which shall include funds appropriated for the AAA program and may include other funds identified by the Board, which may be used for this purpose.

3. a. The Board shall determine the top four school ~~site~~ sites in each of the groups as designated in subsection C of this section that ~~has~~ have achieved the highest overall student achievement as measured by the API as calculated pursuant to Section 3-150 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.
- b. The Board shall determine the top four school ~~site~~ sites in each of the groups as designated in subsection C of this section that ~~has~~ have achieved the highest annual percentage improvement in student achievement as measured by the API score as compared to the previous year.
- c. The Board shall determine the school sites that have an API score of one thousand five hundred (1,500) for regular education students tested.
- d. In the event of tie scores, the Board shall select the school with the highest annual percentage improvement in student achievement as measured by the API score as compared to the previous year. If a tie still exists, the Board shall select the school with the highest annual percentage improvement in reading achievement as measured by the reading assessments administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.
- e. Any school site that qualifies for more than one award as provided for in subparagraphs a, b and c of this

paragraph shall receive the highest award the school site qualifies for as calculated pursuant to paragraph 4 of this subsection, but in no case shall any school site receive more than one award.

4. a. The amount of ~~funds available shall be divided by the total number of qualified employees at each of the schools identified as award recipients to determine the amount of the~~ monetary award to be paid to each qualified employee at each school identified as an award recipient as determined pursuant to subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be as follows:

(1) Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for each first-place school,

(2) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each second-place school,

(3) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each third-place school, and

(4) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each fourth-place school.

- b. The amount of monetary award to be paid to each qualified employee at each school identified as an award recipient as determined pursuant to subparagraph c of paragraph 3 of this subsection shall be Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

C. Groups shall be designated based on average daily membership (ADM) as follows:

1. Group 1 - 0 to 135 ADM;
2. Group 2 - 136 to 235 ADM;
3. Group 3 - 236 to 345 ADM;
4. Group 4 - 346 to 505 ADM; and
5. Group 5 - 506 or more ADM.

D. For purposes of this section, "qualified employees" means all certified personnel employed in the school for at least one-half (1/2) of the school year from which the student test data used for the awards provided for in this section was derived ~~and at least one-half (1/2) of the school year during which the awards provided for in this section will be paid.~~ For charter schools formed and operated pursuant to the Oklahoma Charter School Act, qualified employees shall include all administrative and instructional personnel that meet the requirements of this subsection regardless of whether they are certified.

E. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of awards pursuant to this section. Awards shall not be included in the calculation of ~~a teacher's~~ the salary of the teacher for purposes of meeting the district or statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating ~~Oklahoma~~ Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2007.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 2007.

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