

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

SENATE BILL 1803

By: Haste

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the State Department of Education; providing for use of the Imagination Library Revolving Fund to develop the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program; directing the State Department of Education to perform certain duties; allowing the establishment of certain advisory committee; authorizing the State Department of Education to retain certain percentage of fund for certain administrative and operating expenses; requiring submission of certain annual report; providing for contents of report; creating the Imagination Library Revolving Fund; specifying sources of fund; providing for expenditures; providing purpose of fund; 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 3-104.10 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Imagination Library Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 2 of this act shall be used to promote and foster the development of the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program, which shall be a statewide program for encouraging pre-school children to read

1 by providing age-appropriate books to children at their homes from
2 birth to age 5 on a monthly basis.

3 B. The State Department of Education shall:

4 1. Manage the daily operations of the Oklahoma Imagination
5 Library Program and provide oversight of the Imagination Library
6 Revolving Fund including but not limited to establishing county-
7 based programs in all seventy-seven counties and advancing and
8 strengthening the programs to ensure enrollment growth;

9 2. Develop, promote and coordinate a public awareness program
10 to make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the Imagination
11 Library Revolving Fund; and

12 3. Develop, promote and coordinate a public awareness program
13 to make the public aware of the opportunity to register children to
14 receive age-appropriate books on a monthly basis. To receive books
15 on a monthly basis, a child shall be under the age of 5 and shall
16 have an Oklahoma residence.

17 C. The State Department of Education may establish a volunteer
18 advisory committee to assist with implementing the provisions of
19 paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section.

20 D. The State Department of Education is authorized to retain up
21 to ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated, gifted, granted,
22 donated or bequested to the Imagination Library Revolving Fund for
23 administrative and operating expenses related to implementation of
24 the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program.

1 E. The State Department of Education shall submit a report by
2 July 1, 2021, and each July 1 thereafter to the chair of the Senate
3 Education Committee and the chair of the House of Representatives
4 Common Education Committee detailing the status of implementing the
5 Oklahoma Imagination Library Program.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-104.11 of Title 70, unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
10 for the State Department of Education to be designated the
11 "Imagination Library Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
12 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
13 consist of all monies received by the State Department of Education
14 from appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and bequests. All
15 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated
16 and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of
17 Education for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Section
18 1 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
19 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
20 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
21 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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