

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 16

By: Bullard

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7 [schools - pilot program - grants - effective date -
8 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-126 of Title 70, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The State Board of Education shall establish a two-year
15 pilot program to provide grants to public school districts to
16 provide child care for children of school district employees. A
17 grant may be used to:

18 1. Establish an on-site child care facility licensed pursuant
19 to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act for children of
20 school district employees that is located on school district
21 property;

22 2. Contract with a child care facility licensed pursuant to the
23 Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act to provide child care
24 for school district employees; or

1 3. Provide school district employees with stipends to help
2 cover a portion of child care-related expenses for children of
3 school district employees.

4 B. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for
5 awarding grants which shall include but not be limited to the
6 following factors:

7 1. The availability of licensed child care facilities in the
8 school district; and

9 2. The need for child care resources among school district
10 employees.

11 C. A public school district seeking to participate in the pilot
12 program shall apply to the State Board of Education for a grant in
13 the manner and on a form prescribed by the Board.

14 D. The State Board of Education shall ensure that pilot program
15 grants are given to a representative sample of Oklahoma school
16 districts, which shall include:

17 1. A school district with an average daily membership (ADM) of
18 more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) students;

19 2. A school district with an ADM of two thousand five hundred
20 (2,500) students or less;

21 3. A school district with an ADM of one thousand (1,000)
22 students or less; and

23 4. A technology center school site.
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1 E. Two (2) years after implementation of the pilot program,
2 school districts that receive pilot program grants pursuant to this
3 section shall provide a report to the State Board of Education that
4 includes an itemized accounting of how grant funds were spent, an
5 evaluation of the program by school district employees who were
6 provided child care through the grant program, data on whether the
7 program had an impact on recruitment and retention of teachers and
8 support personnel, and recommendations, if any, for future program
9 operations.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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