

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE BILL 1314

By: Pugh

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Department of Education to create certain incentive program for school districts that adopt certain policy; providing for submission of policy to the State Department of Education; providing for certain incentive payments for school district boards of education that submit certain policy by certain time; providing for certain unannounced visits to ensure certain compliance; requiring repayment of certain incentive amounts for certain noncompliance; 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 1-126 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education shall create an incentive program for school districts that adopt phone-free campus policies. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, if a school district board of education adopts a phone-free campus policy that prohibits the use of cell phones by students while on the campus of a public

1 school district, it may submit its policy to the State Department of
2 Education.

3 B. A school district board of education that submits a policy
4 as provided for in subsection A of this section prior to
5 distribution of the midyear adjustment in State Aid required by
6 Section 18-200.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be
7 eligible for the following incentive amounts:

8 1. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for a school
9 district with an average daily attendance (ADA) of five hundred
10 (500) or fewer students for the preceding school year;

11 2. Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) for a school
12 district with an ADA of more than five hundred (500) students but
13 not more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) students for the
14 preceding school year; or

15 3. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for a school district
16 with an ADA of one thousand five hundred (1,500) students or more
17 for the preceding school year.

18 C. A school district that submits a policy as provided for in
19 subsection B of this section shall be subject to unannounced visits
20 by the State Department of Education's regional accreditation
21 officers to ensure compliance with the policy adopted pursuant to
22 subsection B of this section. A school district found to be in
23 noncompliance with its policy shall be required to repay to the
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1 State Department of Education the incentive amounts provided for in
2 subsection B of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

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