

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 921

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing each school district to submit to the State Department of Education certain information regarding reading instruction; directing the Department to post the information on its website; requiring school districts and school sites to post certain link on their websites; directing the Department to ensure information is provided in certain format and location; 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 1210.508H of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district in this state shall submit to the State Department of Education, and update as necessary, the following, which shall be posted on the Department's website:

1. The core and supplemental reading curriculum or a detailed description of the reading curriculum, by grade, used at each of the school sites within the district;

1 2. The targeted, evidence-based, or scientifically based core
2 and supplemental reading instructional programs and interventions in
3 reading, intensive instructional services such as those used for
4 remediating dyslexia, enrichment, and other supports or a detailed
5 description of the programs, services, and other supports provided
6 by each of the school sites within the district pursuant to the
7 Reading Sufficiency Act; and

8 3. The number of kindergarten and first through third grade
9 students who are found to be in need of remediation or intervention
10 in reading or who have been retained in the third grade pursuant to
11 Section 1210.508C of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as well as
12 the number of students enrolled in the district who are no longer
13 identified as having a significant reading deficiency; provided,
14 however, the State Department of Education shall not post on its
15 website the number of students who are no longer identified as
16 having a significant reading deficiency if the number of those
17 students submitted by a district is smaller than the minimum number
18 of students necessary to protect student privacy, as determined by
19 the Department.

20 B. Each school district shall include on its website a link to
21 the State Department of Education website containing the information
22 submitted pursuant to subsection A of this section. The link shall
23 be easily identifiable in a location on the district's website that
24 is identified as relating to student literacy or the Reading

1 Sufficiency Act. The link shall be included on school site websites
2 that are maintained separately from the district website. The
3 district may also include on its website the information that was
4 submitted to the State Department of Education pursuant to
5 subsection A of this section.

6 C. The State Department of Education shall ensure that the
7 information submitted pursuant to subsection A of this section is
8 provided in a user-friendly format and in a location on the website
9 easily identified as relating to student literacy or the Reading
10 Sufficiency Act. The Department shall notify each school district
11 of the specific website location of the information submitted
12 pursuant to subsection A of this section. The Department shall
13 update the information in a timely manner as it receives updates
14 from school districts.

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

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