

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1538 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

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AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Mickey Dollens

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1538

By: Dollens

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; creating the Student
10 Retention Protocol Act of 2025; providing
11 definitions; recommending certain screenings,
12 assessments, and evaluations for students operating
13 below a certain academic threshold; requiring parent
14 or legal guardian approval for certain evaluations;
15 allowing schools to employ qualified personnel;
16 subjecting requirements to availability of funding;
17 providing for codification; providing an effective
18 date; and declaring an emergency.

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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 1210.500 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Student
Retention Protocol Act of 2025".

B. As used in this act:

1. "At risk of being retained" means students who have been
identified by school personnel as operating below the academic

1 threshold necessary to permit enrollment into an advancing grade for
2 the following school year;

3 2. "Family assessment" means a process for gathering and
4 organizing information surrounding the family structure,
5 composition, relationships, characteristics, interactions, and
6 dynamics;

7 3. "Hearing screening" means a test used to evaluate hearing
8 across different pitches and determine risk for hearing loss;

9 4. "Occupational evaluation" means a test administered by an
10 occupational therapist to assess areas of functioning and determine
11 the need for a treatment plan or develop such a treatment plan;

12 5. "Physical therapy evaluation" means the administration,
13 interpretation, and evaluation of tests and measurements of bodily
14 functions and structures;

15 6. "Psychiatric evaluation" means an assessment based on
16 present problems and symptoms of an individual's biological, mental,
17 and social functioning which may or may not result in the diagnosis
18 of a mental illness; and

19 7. "Vision screening" means the process or system used to
20 identify a person having or who may be at risk of developing visual
21 problems that may adversely affect their ability to learn.

22 C. Students who are at risk of being retained may receive a
23 hearing and visual screening and a family assessment conducted by
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1 qualified school personnel. Each school may employ or contract with
2 qualified personnel to conduct such screenings and assessments.

3 D. Students who are at risk of being retained may receive a
4 psychiatric evaluation selected and completed by a qualified
5 professional as determined by the State Department of Education and
6 as approved by a parent or legal guardian.

7 E. Students at risk of being retained may receive an
8 occupational therapy or physical therapy evaluation if the screening
9 and evaluations from subsections C and D of this section do not
10 result in a diagnosis or recommendation for treatment and such
11 evaluation is approved by a parent or legal guardian. An
12 occupational therapy or physical therapy evaluation shall be
13 conducted by qualified medical professionals employed by or
14 contracted with the school district.

15 F. The provisions of this section shall be subject to the
16 availability of funding.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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