

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 285

By: Ford and Mazzei of the
Senate

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and

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Coody (Ann) of the House

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
Section 11-103.7, which relates to early childhood
education programs; directing the State Board of
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providing an effective date.

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12 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill
and insert

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"An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
Section 3-162, which relates to information
requested of parents upon initial enrollment of a
student; modifying name of certain program; amending
70 O.S. 2011, Section 10-105.3, which relates to the
development and implementation of parent education
programs; changing certain duties and functions from
the State Board of Education to the State Department
of Education; allowing the Department to provide
certain technical assistance; modifying certain
functions; changing the Parents as Teachers Program
name; modifying certain report; amending 70 O.S.
2011, Section 11-103.7, which relates to early
childhood education programs; directing the State
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-162, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 3-162. A. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year,
5 upon initial enrollment in a public school district, the school
6 shall request the parent or guardian of a student to provide
7 information to the school district regarding participation in the
8 following:

9 1. A childcare program that is licensed pursuant to the tiered
10 licensing system established by the Department of Human Services;

11 2. The SoonerStart program operated by the State Department of
12 Education;

13 3. The ~~Oklahoma Parents as Teachers~~ program of parent education
14 operated by the State Department of Education pursuant to Section
15 10-105.3 of this title;

16 4. The Children First program operated by the State Department
17 of Health;

18 5. Any child abuse prevention program operated by the State
19 Department of Health;

20 6. Any federally funded Head Start program; and

21 7. Any other early childhood program funded by state or federal
22 monies as determined by the State Board of Education.

23 B. The State Department of Education shall verify the accuracy
24 of the information provided by the parents or guardians pursuant to

1 subsection A of this section with the appropriate agency. Each
2 agency shall cooperate and provide verifying data to the Department.

3 C. The State Department of Education shall develop state data
4 elements and codes for each program identified pursuant to
5 subsection A of this section for use in the statewide student record
6 system program, which shall be used to provide effective reporting
7 and research on the identified programs. The codes shall be entered
8 into the statewide student record system program upon initial
9 enrollment of a student.

10 D. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement
11 the provisions of this section.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 10-105.3, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 10-105.3 A. The State ~~Board~~ Department of Education
15 shall develop and implement a program of parent education which
16 provides practical information and guidance to parents regarding the
17 development of language, cognition, social skills, and motor
18 development of young children. The program shall be phased in so
19 that services will be available to parents of children under age
20 three (3) in school districts identified by the ~~Board~~ Department as
21 having the greatest numbers of children whose education is
22 considered to be high challenge. As funds are available, ~~beginning~~
23 ~~with the 1992-93 school year,~~ the ~~Board~~ Department shall expand the
24 program so that services will be available to the school sites

1 identified by the ~~Board~~ Department as having the greatest percentage
2 of children qualifying for the free or reduced school lunch program.
3 The ~~Board~~ Department shall expand the program each year if funding
4 is available to ensure that a parent education program is available
5 to all school districts. In evaluating new funding requests,
6 priority consideration shall be given to programs demonstrating the
7 greatest need combined with the greatest commitment of community,
8 foundation, and corporate support.

9 B. The program shall emphasize the importance of the parents of
10 children as a child's first and most influential teachers. The
11 parent education programs currently offered in other states should
12 be examined as possible models for the Oklahoma program.

13 C. The State ~~Board~~ Department of Education shall provide or
14 contract with an organization to provide for technical assistance
15 for a ~~field operations center to coordinate the Oklahoma Parents as~~
16 ~~Teachers Program~~ training and implementation of the program of
17 parent education developed by the Department pursuant to subsection
18 A of this section. To be eligible for a technical assistance
19 contract, an applicant ~~must~~ shall be an affiliate member of a
20 national organization or association providing parent education
21 training, ~~must~~ have at least two (2) years' experience in
22 implementation of a ~~Parents as Teachers Program~~ program of parent
23 education which provides practical information and guidance to
24 parents, and ~~must~~ have at least one staff member with a degree above

1 the baccalaureate level who has expertise in Child Development or
2 Early Childhood Education. Technical assistance shall include
3 assistance with training on program organization, management,
4 implementation, and fundraising techniques for groups seeking to
5 implement ~~Parents as Teachers Programs~~ a program of parent education
6 and existing ~~Parents as Teachers Programs~~ parent education programs
7 throughout the state. The technical assistance provider shall
8 compile a report, utilizing data collected from the State Department
9 of Education and the ~~Child Service Demonstration Center~~, on the
10 status of ~~Parents as Teachers Programs~~ parent education programs
11 operating pursuant to this section in Oklahoma, including the
12 locations and descriptions of the programs, the sources of funding
13 for the programs, and pending applications for funding. The report
14 shall be filed on or before April 1 of each year with the Governor,
15 the Legislature, and the State Board of Education.

16 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.7, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 11-103.7 A. Each school district may offer to four-
19 year-old children the opportunity to participate in an early
20 childhood education program.

21 B. The State Board of Education shall promulgate standards for
22 early childhood education programs for children who are at least
23 four (4) years of age on or before September 1 of the ensuing school
24 year. The standards shall include both half-day programs consisting

1 of not less than two and one-half (2 1/2) hours per school day, and
2 full-day programs of six (6) hours. The standards for all early
3 childhood education programs shall require a certified teacher, as
4 specified in this section, to be present in the classroom for the
5 length of the school day. Such program shall:

6 1. Be directed toward developmentally appropriate objectives
7 for such children, rather than toward academic objectives suitable
8 for older children;

9 2. Accommodate the needs of all children and families
10 regardless of socioeconomic circumstances; and

11 3. Require that any teacher employed by a public school to
12 teach in such early childhood education program shall be certified
13 in early childhood education.

14 C. The superintendent of any school district providing
15 classroom space or other school facilities for a federally sponsored
16 Head Start program that is planning to make a material change in the
17 arrangement, shall give notice to the director of the Head Start
18 program at least seven (7) days prior to a school board hearing on
19 the matter.

20 D. A school district may offer such early childhood education
21 program within the district, in cooperation with other districts,
22 through the use of transfers as specified by law, or by contracting
23 with a private or public provider of early childhood education
24 programs, or by contracting for classroom space with a licensed

1 public or private child care provider based upon selection criteria
2 established by the district. If the program is provided through
3 contract with a private or public provider other than a school
4 district, the contract may only be continued if each teacher serving
5 the school on and after January 1, 1993, is certified in early
6 childhood education, except that all teachers, without such
7 certification, hired by such provider prior to January 1, 1993, and
8 serving in the school as an early childhood education teacher shall
9 be required to obtain certification on or before the beginning of
10 the 1996-97 school year. Any person who has been employed as an
11 early childhood educator with the Head Start Program, has a child
12 development associate degree (CDA) and has at least five (5) years
13 of experience in such employment shall be certified in early
14 childhood education for purposes of employment in the public schools
15 of this state to teach in early childhood education for children
16 four (4) years of age and younger; if such person is recertified in
17 child development by the Council for Early Childhood Professional
18 Recognition within five (5) years prior to the expiration of the
19 person's early childhood certificate that was issued by the State
20 Board of Education, such person shall be granted a renewal
21 certificate in early childhood education by the State Board of
22 Education upon expiration of the early childhood certificate.
23 Provided, private or public providers shall meet such other
24 standards required by law and by the State Board of Education.

1 E. If an early childhood program is provided by a private or
2 public provider pursuant to a contract as authorized in this
3 section, the contract shall address the requirements for
4 implementing the residency program for resident teachers as required
5 in Section 6-195 of this title. Teachers employed by a private or
6 public provider in an early childhood education program provided
7 through contract with a public school district shall receive in
8 salary and/or fringe benefits amounts not less than the amounts
9 specified in the schedule set forth in Section ~~18-114.7~~ 18-114.14 of
10 this title.

11 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
12 provide for the implementation of such program.

13 G. An early childhood education program may be offered jointly
14 by school districts that have formed interlocal cooperative
15 agreements pursuant to Section 5-117b of this title.

16 H. The term "~~pre-kindergarten~~" "prekindergarten" shall mean
17 early childhood education for purposes of this title.

18 I. The State Board of Education shall ensure that the standards
19 for early childhood education are aligned with any new subject
20 matter standards adopted pursuant to Section 11-103.6a of this
21 title.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 2015.

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15 I. Following adoption of the subject matter standards pursuant
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18 with the newly adopted standards.

19 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.
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1 Passed the Senate the 25th day of February, 2015.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
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