

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 16

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to establish certain pilot program to provide grants for certain purpose; providing for use of grants; directing the Board to establish certain criteria for awarding grants; providing for grant application; requiring school districts with certain average daily membership to be included in pilot program; requiring pilot program grant recipients to submit certain report; providing for contents of report; 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 Board of Education shall establish a two-year pilot program to provide grants to public school districts to provide child care for children of school district employees. A grant may be used to:

1. Establish an on-site child care facility licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act for children of

1 school district employees that is located on school district  
2 property;

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

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

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

12 1. The availability of licensed child care facilities in the  
13 school district; and

14 2. The need for child care resources among school district  
15 employees.

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

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

22 1. A school district with an average daily membership (ADM) of  
23 more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) students but less than  
24 ten thousand (10,000) students;

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

3           3. A school district with an ADM of one thousand (1,000)  
4 students or less.

5           E. Two (2) years after implementation of the pilot program,  
6 school districts that receive pilot program grants pursuant to this  
7 section shall provide a report to the State Board of Education that  
8 includes an itemized accounting of how grant funds were spent, an  
9 evaluation of the program by school district employees who were  
10 provided child care through the grant program, and recommendations,  
11 if any, for future program operations.

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

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

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