

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 16

By: Bullard of the Senate

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3 and

4 Conley of the House

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6 [schools - pilot program - grants - effective date -  
7 emergency]

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-126 of Title 70, unless there  
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. The State Board of Education shall establish a two-year  
14 pilot program to provide grants to public school districts to  
15 provide child care for children of school district employees. The  
16 State Board of Education shall collaborate with the Department of  
17 Human Services to provide guidance and technical support to school  
18 districts awarded grants. A grant may be used to:

19 1. Establish an on-site child care facility licensed pursuant  
20 to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act for children of  
21 school district employees that is located on school district  
22 property;

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

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

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

10           1. The availability of licensed child care facilities in the  
11 school district; and

12           2. The need for child care resources among school district  
13 employees.

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

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

20           1. A school district with an average daily membership (ADM) of  
21 more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) students;

22           2. A school district with an ADM of two thousand five hundred  
23 (2,500) students or less;

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

3        4. A technology center school site.

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

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

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

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1 Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2023.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2023.

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