

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1803

By: Haste of the Senate

and

Townley and Pittman of the
House

An Act relating to the State Department of Education; providing for use of the Imagination Library Revolving Fund to develop the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program; directing the State Department of Education to perform certain duties, contingent on appropriation of funds; allowing the establishment of certain advisory committee; authorizing the State Department of Education to retain certain percentage of fund for certain administrative and operating expenses; directing the Program to be funded by certain percentage of private and appropriated funds; requiring the Department to include in its annual budget request certain estimate of needed funds; requiring submission of certain annual report; providing for contents of report; creating the Imagination Library Revolving Fund; specifying sources of fund; providing for expenditures; providing purpose of fund; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: State Department of Education

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 3-104.10 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Imagination Library Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 2 of this act shall be used to promote and foster the development of the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program, which shall be a statewide program for encouraging pre-school children to read by providing age-appropriate books to children at their homes from birth to age five (5) on a monthly basis.

B. Contingent upon funds appropriated to the Imagination Library Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 2 of this act, the State Department of Education shall:

1. Manage the daily operations of the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program and provide oversight of the Imagination Library Revolving Fund including but not limited to establishing county-based programs in all seventy-seven counties and advancing and strengthening the programs to ensure enrollment growth;

2. Develop, promote and coordinate a public awareness program to make donors aware of the opportunity to donate to the Imagination Library Revolving Fund; and

3. Develop, promote and coordinate a public awareness program to make the public aware of the opportunity to register children to receive age-appropriate books on a monthly basis. To receive books on a monthly basis, a child shall be under the age of five (5) and shall have an Oklahoma residence.

C. The State Department of Education may establish a volunteer advisory committee to assist with implementing the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section.

D. The State Department of Education is authorized to retain up to ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated, gifted, granted, donated or bequested to the Imagination Library Revolving Fund for administrative and operating expenses related to implementation of the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program.

E. The Oklahoma Imagination Library Program shall be funded by fifty percent (50%) private funds and fifty percent (50%) appropriated funds. The State Department of Education shall include in its annual budget request the estimated need to fund the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program for the following fiscal year.

F. The State Department of Education shall submit a report by July 1, 2021, and each July 1 thereafter to the chair of the Senate Education Committee and the chair of the House of Representatives Common Education Committee detailing the status of implementing the Oklahoma Imagination Library Program.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-104.11 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Education to be designated the "Imagination Library Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the State Department of Education from appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and bequests. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of Education for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2020.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2020.

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