

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 623

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board  
8 of Career and Technology Education to establish  
9 certain pilot program to provide certain grants;  
10 providing eligibility for grants; providing for grant  
11 applications to be made to certain board on certain  
12 form; providing for review, approval and disapproval  
13 of applications; requiring school districts with  
14 certain average daily memberships to be included in  
15 pilot program; directing the State Board of Career  
16 and Technology Education, subject to availability of  
17 funds, to allocate certain amount of funds for the  
18 pilot program; requiring pilot program grant  
19 recipients to submit certain report; providing for  
20 contents of report; directing the State Board of  
21 Education to determine if certain programs are  
22 eligible for certain academic credit; providing for  
23 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
24 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-136 of Title 70, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. The State Board of Career and Technology Education, in  
24 conjunction with the State Board of Education, shall establish and  
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1 maintain a pilot program to provide grants to public school  
2 districts to offer career and technology programs to ninth through  
3 twelfth grade students.

4 B. A public school district may be eligible to receive a grant  
5 pursuant to this section if:

6 1. The public school district can demonstrate that the career  
7 and technology program to be offered is not currently available at a  
8 technology center school within fifty (50) miles of the school  
9 district;

10 2. The public school district can demonstrate with data and  
11 research that the career and technology program will meet a  
12 workforce need;

13 3. The public school district can demonstrate public support  
14 for the career and technology program including student interest in  
15 enrolling in the program; and

16 4. The public school district meets any other requirements  
17 established by the State Board of Career and Technology Education  
18 and the State Board of Education.

19 C. 1. A public school district seeking to participate in the  
20 pilot program shall apply to the State Board of Career and  
21 Technology Education for a grant in the manner and on a form  
22 prescribed by the Board. Grant applications shall be reviewed and  
23 approved or disapproved by the State Board of Career and Technology  
24 Education and the State Board of Education.

1           2. The State Board of Career and Technology Education and the  
2 State Board of Education shall ensure that pilot program grants are  
3 given to a representative sample of Oklahoma school districts, which  
4 shall include:

- 5           a. a school district with an average daily membership  
6                 (ADM) of more than two thousand five hundred (2,500)  
7                 students but less than ten thousand (10,000) students,
- 8           b. a school district with an ADM of two thousand five  
9                 hundred (2,500) students or less, and
- 10           c. a school district with an ADM of one thousand (1,000)  
11                 students or less.

12           D. Subject to the availability of funds, Five Million Dollars  
13 (\$5,000,000.00) shall be allocated by the State Board of Career and  
14 Technology Education to fund pilot program grants. Grant amounts  
15 shall be determined based on the number of approved applicants and  
16 the cost of the proposed career and technology program.

17           E. One year after implementation of the pilot program, school  
18 districts that receive pilot program grants pursuant to this section  
19 shall provide a report to the State Board of Education and the State  
20 Board of Career and Technology Education that includes an itemized  
21 expenditure list, data on student participation and recommendations,  
22 if any, for future program operations.

23           F. The State Board of Education shall review career and  
24 technology programs established pursuant to this section to

1 determine if they are eligible for academic credit toward meeting  
2 the graduation requirements set forth in Section 11-103.6 of Title  
3 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 G. The State Board of Career and Technology Education and the  
5 State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary to  
6 implement the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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