



2009 LEGISLATION

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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**S.B. 605—Oklahoma School Security Grant
Program Act**

Dear Superintendent:

Senate Bill 605 becomes effective July 1, 2009. This new bill creates the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program and the Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund.

The purpose of this bill is to encourage greater emergency preparedness, including, but not limited to, improvement of plans and procedures for natural and man-made disaster and emergencies, improvement of security on campus, at events, with regard to buses and other transportation, and improvement of communication strategies and equipment.

The Oklahoma School Security Grant Program will solicit proposals and make grants for the enhancement of campus security at public schools and technology centers. Objectives and goals for this program are to increase awareness of risks, threats, and vulnerabilities of school campuses. Senate Bill 605 will provide assistance in implementing security plans, programs, and activities.

The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security will develop grant project criteria and establish a process for the consideration of proposals. On or before January 1, 2010, and in each year thereafter, an annual report will be submitted to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund will be created in the State Treasury and will consist of monies received by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. Funding is contingent upon availability.

If you have questions contact Dr. Sharon A. Lease, Assistant State Superintendent, Accreditation Standards Division, (405) 521-3333, or Ms. Kay Harley, General Counsel, Legal Division (405) 521-4889.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent

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Attachment: Senate Bill 605

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