

SB 1342

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 and 12 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1342. Citizens expect and demand that taxpayer dollars be used wisely, efficiently and effectively. Accordingly, proper training and accountability in the administration of public funding, particularly dollars earmarked to benefit schoolchildren, is essential to foster and maintain public trust. Senate Bill 1342 could impair accountability and undermine public trust by eliminating important training requirements for government officials sworn to administer and protect school funds. Given the complexities of school finance, undergoing 12 hours of specialized training once every three years is not onerous for any public official, and retaining the requirement would be in the best interest of the people of Oklahoma.