

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2755

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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 1210.581 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Legislature that, if funds are made available for such purposes, each school district in this state provide technology for the classroom to improve student achievement and the students' use and application of technology information.

B. On or before September 1, 1998, the State Board of Education shall specify certain components for technology plans reflecting the different technology needs of school districts. The technology plan components for school districts shall include but not be limited to: a district-wide technology planning committee to develop one or more technology plans for that district; a vision statement; guiding principles; short- and long-term goals; available resources; short and long-term action plans; an annual review and evaluation by the technology planning committee; and, when necessary, annual modifications to the district-wide technology plan. The State Board of Education shall distribute information about the components of the technology plans to every school district board of education in this state. In formulating technology plans, the school district shall include the components developed by the State Board, and may

also include but not be limited to technology equipment, hardware, software, access charges, personnel, consultants and training.

C. Prior to the adoption of a plan, the district board of education shall place the plan on the school board agenda for public comment and shall submit the plan, and any modifications to the original plan deemed necessary by the school board, to the State Board of Education for final approval. The State Board of Education may assist the school board in revising its plan prior to final approval. The State Board shall maintain a copy of each local district's plan. Plans approved shall be implemented by the board of education of the school district if funds are made available for such purpose and, if funds are available, they may be allocated and grants awarded by the State Board of Education to school districts for such implementation. Prior to any future allocation being made, a district board shall file a report for the previous year with the State Board detailing the degree of implementation of the plan, the expenditure of funds and the success of meeting the goals of such plan. The report shall be verified by the State Board.

D. The State Board shall promulgate rules necessary to provide any oversight relating to this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President

of the Senate