

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2755

By: Stites

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; stating legislative intent concerning technology training; stating purpose; requiring the State Board of Education to develop certain components for plans for such training; requiring distribution of information on the components for such plans; specifying but not limiting such plans; providing for certain public input; requiring State Board approval of each plan; authorizing assistance by the State Board under certain circumstances; requiring certain implementation; requiring the State Board to maintain a copy of each district's plan; providing for the allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; requiring certain report be submitted prior to allocation of future funds; specifying such report require certain verification; requiring promulgation of certain rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 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, and funds 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.

46-2-8818

KB