ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2600

By: Deutschendorf of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

An Act relating to technology; directing the State Board of Education to develop and implement an electronic test administration pilot program; stating purpose of the pilot program; providing for implementation in a certain number of school districts; stating basis for selection of the participating school districts; directing the Board to select certain tests for use in the pilot program; requiring the Board to use certain methods to protect the integrity of the tests; requiring the Board to develop a method to prevent tampering; authorizing the Board to promulgate 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 1210.558 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For the 2000-2001 school year, the State Board of Education shall develop and implement an electronic test administration pilot program. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to explore the use of computer technology to deliver and administer statewide tests required pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program.

B. The pilot program shall be implemented in four school districts selected by the Board. Selection of the four school districts shall be based on the computer technology resources available in the school district and the ability of the school district to administer the tests in an efficient manner to the appropriate students in the district on the computer. The Board shall select any or all of the statewide tests which are to be

field-tested during the 2000-2001 school year to be used in the pilot program.

C. The Board shall use encryption or other methods to protect the integrity of the tests when transmitting the tests and test results between the participating school districts and the State Department of Education. The Board shall also develop a method for the administration of the tests that shall prevent tampering with the test questions or test results.

D. The Board is authorized to promulgate rules for the electronic test administration pilot program.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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 2nd day of March, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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President of the Senate