

An Act relating to schools; creating the Technology in the Classroom Act; recognizing the need for technology in the classroom; establishing criteria for a lifelong learning environment; stating legislative intent regarding the use of funds for technology; creating the Commission on School Technology; stating membership; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for meetings, officers and a quorum; providing for administrative support; requiring the Commission to prepare a state classroom technology plan; providing certain criteria for the plan; stating purposes of the plan; providing certain components of the plan; requiring annual modifications to the plan; requiring the Commission to evaluate implementation of the plan and local plans; providing for certain factors in evaluations; directing the Commission to study development of a statewide system for leasing technology equipment; requiring each school district to develop a local school district classroom technology plan; requiring certain statement; providing for certain coordination; requiring approval of certain plans by the State Department of Education; requiring approval of certain plans by the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education; stating intent that higher education institutions develop classroom technology plans; requiring approval of plans by the State Regents for Higher Education; limiting use of certain state funds for certain purpose; providing for an annual review of classroom technology plans; creating the Common Education Classroom Technology Fund; stating purpose of the Fund; providing for allocation of funds upon approval of certain classroom technology plans; limiting use of the funds; providing certain limitations on allocation of monies in the Common Education Classroom Technology Fund; requiring submission of certain application; requiring certain training; requiring training of certain number of certified personnel; requiring verification of training and equipment; requiring certain distribution of funds; authorizing the State Board of Education to establish certain contracts; providing certain criteria; providing certain exemption; requiring a competitive bid process; requiring certain assistance; providing for the deposit of certain monies; stating purpose of monies; directing school districts to budget and report certain transactions using a certain system; directing the State Board of Education, the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, and the State Regents for Higher Education to prepare an annual joint funding plan; encouraging the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education to develop technician training classes for school employees; authorizing school districts and higher education institutions to utilize statewide technology equipment contracts; directing the Department of Central Services to consider the needs of schools when developing contracts; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.