

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1601

By: Morgan of the House

and

Wilcoxson of the Senate

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to public finance and schools;
authorizing the Office of Accountability to conduct
performance reviews of certain school districts;
providing for contracts for performance reviews;
requiring competitive bidding; prohibiting sole
source contracts; allowing a school district to
request a performance review; providing for payment
of the cost of a requested review; providing for
implementation of performance review recommendations;
requiring cost savings to be used for classroom
expenditures; defining classroom expenditures;
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 3-118.1 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Office of Accountability is hereby authorized to conduct
a performance review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the
budget and operations of school districts that have administrative
service costs which are above the expenditure limits established for
school districts in Section 18-124 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
Statutes. The Office of Accountability shall contract with an
outside entity to conduct the performance reviews. The entity shall
be chosen through a competitive bid process. Invitations to bid for
the performance reviews shall be open to any public or private

entity. Contracts for performance reviews shall not be done on a sole source basis.

B. The board of education of any school district in the state may, by majority vote, request the Office of Accountability to conduct a performance review of that school district. If a school district requests a performance review, twenty-five percent (25%) of the entire cost of the review shall be borne by the school district.

C. After a performance review of a school district is completed by the Office of Accountability, the school district may implement all or part of the recommendations contained in the review.

D. If a school district experiences a cost savings that is directly attributable to implementation of performance review recommendations, the cost savings shall be expended by the school district for classroom expenses. Classroom expenses shall include but are not limited to teacher salaries and purchasing textbooks, teaching material, technology and other classroom equipment. Classroom expenditures shall not include administrative services as defined in Section 18-124 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or for equipment or materials for administrative staff.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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.

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