

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 496

By: Williams of the Senate

and

Roberts of the House

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-135.2, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2000 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 5-135.2), which relates to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System; requiring restoration of certain state aid penalty assessed during 2000-2001 school year; requiring amendment of certain school district budgets if certain penalty imposed; requiring reduction in certain district budgets for administrative services; exempting State Board of Education and State Department of Education from certain provision of Central Purchasing Act for certain purpose; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-135.2, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 2000 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 5-135.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-135.2 A. For the 1991-92 school year, school districts shall report financial transactions for all funds, except for the school activity fund, using the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System, as adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 5-135 of this title. Costs shall be reported by curricular subject area where applicable. For the 1992-93 school year and in each subsequent school year, school districts shall report financial transactions for all funds using the Oklahoma Cost Accounting

System. Costs shall be reported by curricular subject area where applicable.

B. Beginning July 1, 1991, and in each subsequent school year, the State Department of Education shall reduce the monthly payment of a district's State Aid funds if, at the time of such payment, the district is not operating pursuant to the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System. The amount of the reduction shall be one percent (1%) for the first payment, two percent (2%) for the second payment, three percent (3%) for the third payment, four percent (4%) for the fourth payment, and five percent (5%) for each subsequent payment. The reduction may be waived by the State Board of Education if the district can demonstrate that failure to operate pursuant to such system was due to circumstances beyond the control of the district and that every effort is being made by the district to operate pursuant to such system as quickly as possible. Any reductions of state aid assessed during the 2000-2001 school year against school districts for failure to report financial transactions as required in subsection A of this section shall be restored on or before June 30, 2001, by the State Board of Education.

C. For any year subsequent to the 2000-2001 school year, the board of education of a district against which a penalty is imposed for failure to comply with this section shall amend the district budget for the year in which the penalty is imposed by reducing the amount budgeted for administrative services, as defined in Section 18-124 of this title, in an amount equal to the penalty.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The State Board of Education and State Department of Education shall be exempt from the competitive bid requirements of Section 85.7 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of contracting with an entity to review, analyze, and report on the Oklahoma core curriculum, known as the Priority Academic Student

Skills (P.A.S.S.) and review alignment of such curriculum to assessments administered pursuant to the Oklahoma State Testing Program Act and other assessments administered by an agency of the State of Oklahoma.

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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