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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; exempting certain school districts from certain reporting requirements; providing a list of exempted report requirements; prohibiting the State Board of Education from requiring written paper copies of certain reports filed electronically in a certain format; allowing school districts to file reports in a written paper format; amending Section 5, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1210.308), which relates to advisory committees for gifted and talented children; deleting open meeting requirement; 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 3-153 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Except for school districts with one or more school sites which are identified as low-performing or high challenged, all school districts shall be exempt from reporting the following plans:

1. The Comprehensive Local Education Plan as required in Section 3-104.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
2. The school improvement plan as required in Section 5-117.4 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
3. The professional development plan as required in subsection G of Section 6-194 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
4. The capital improvement plan as required in Section 18-153 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
5. The reading sufficiency plan as required in paragraph 1 of subsection D of Section 1210.508C of Title 70 of the Oklahoma

Statutes only if the last reading sufficiency plan submitted by the school district was approved by the State Department of Education and expenditures for the program include expenses relating to individual and small group tutoring, assessment, summer school programs, and Saturday school programs. Prior approval from the State Department of Education shall be required for other types of expenditures.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-128.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall not require school districts to submit a written paper copy of any reports that are filed electronically with the Board in a format that is compatible with the State Department of Education computer system. The following reports may be reported electronically:

1. The Annual Statistical and Financial Reports;
2. The Accreditation Report;
3. The State and Federal Grant Reports; and
4. The Personnel Report, provided a facsimile signature of the appropriate school district representative shall be submitted with the report.

B. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a school district from filing any reports with the State Department of Education in a written paper format.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 1210.308), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.308 A. For the purpose of meeting the duty of each school district as set forth in Section 1210.307 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, each district board of education shall create a local advisory committee on education for gifted and talented children or expand the duties of a curriculum advisory

committee for the district to assist the district on gifted and talented programs. If the district creates a local advisory committee for gifted and talented children it shall consist of at least three but no more than eleven members. The district board shall appoint all members, at least one-third (1/3) of whom shall be selected from a list of nominations submitted by associations whose purpose is advocacy for gifted and talented children. The committee shall be broadly representative of the community. The committee shall be appointed no later than September 15 of each school year for two-year terms and shall consist of parents of children identified as gifted and talented and community members who may be but are not required to be parents of students within the district. At the first meeting the committee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair. If the district utilizes the curriculum advisory committee it shall appoint at least one member who is a parent of a child identified as gifted and talented or is a knowledgeable advocate for gifted and talented children.

B. A meeting of the local advisory committee or the curriculum advisory committee shall be called by the district superintendent no later than October 1 of each year for the purpose of addressing gifted and talented program issues. The advisory committee or curriculum advisory committee may meet at other times during the year as is necessary in meeting space furnished by the district. The district shall furnish staff for the advisory committee. ~~All meetings of the committees shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.~~

C. The duties of the advisory committee for gifted and talented children or the curriculum advisory committee shall be to assist in the formulation of district goals for gifted education, to assist in development of the district plan for gifted child educational programs, to assist in preparation of the district report on gifted

child educational programs, and to perform other advisory duties as may be requested by the board of education.

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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