

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 1675

By: Blackburn of the House

and

Rozell of the Senate

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[schools - central purchasing program - effective
date -

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 3-104.8 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall establish in the State
Department of Education a central purchasing program to assist
school districts in obtaining certain supplies and products at a
competitive price and in a time-efficient manner. The purpose of
the program shall be to:

1. Realize savings in the overhead costs of preparing
specifications and advertising for bids for school supplies and
products;
2. Obtain lower unit costs by consolidated volume ordering;
3. Unify specifications and quality standards for school
supplies and products; and
4. Implement and maintain industry leading technologies to
streamline the bidding and purchasing processes.

B. All school districts in the state shall coordinate
acquisition of certain supplies and products through the central

purchasing program in the State Department of Education. The Department may negotiate for educational discounts from the published price and make consolidated or statewide contracts for several or all school districts in the state for the purchase of school supplies and products.

C. The Department of Education may work with the Department of Central Services in establishing policies and procedures for the procurement of school supplies and products.

D. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

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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