

An Act relating to schools; amending 25 O.S. 2001, Section 307, which relates to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; allowing a board of education hold an executive session to hear certain evidence and testimony; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 5-106 and 5-117, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 483, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 5-117), which relates to the governing body of a school district and powers of a board of education; authorizing two or more boards of education to contract with a superintendent; conditioning certain contracts on assent of parties; providing for payment of certain costs; providing for payment to Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; authorizing certain mutual and separate contracts between school districts and superintendents; specifying that annexation or consolidation not be required with certain exceptions; prohibiting closure of certain school sites and providing an exception; specifying certain credit for use in State Aid calculation; requiring application of certain accounting system; establishing the Accomplished Teaching Project; making project a pilot program; stating purpose of the project; directing the State Board of Education to establish criteria; directing the Board to promulgate rules; requiring certain standards in certain areas; allowing participating teachers to choose area; specifying professional areas and standards; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 5-117, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 5-117), which relates to powers and duties of boards of education; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.