

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Department of Education to conduct a report of certain legislation; requiring a report; creating the School State Aid Funding Study Group; stating duties of the study group; providing for membership, officers, staffing, and travel reimbursement; authorizing the employment of an independent consultant; requiring a report; directing the State Board of Education to transfer certain funds to the Legislative Service Bureau; authorizing the State Board of Education to waive certain class size penalties; limiting application of waived penalties; directing the Board to establish guidelines for application for a penalty waiver; providing time limit for consideration of an application; directing the State Board of Education to collect class-size information; requiring submission of a report; specifying contents of the report; requiring school districts to submit certain indebtedness information; requiring the Board to submit a report; creating the Task Force on School District Administrative Reorganization or Consolidation; stating purpose of the Task Force; requiring recommendations by a certain date; providing for membership, meetings, staffing, and travel reimbursement; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-137, which relates to charter school contracts; modifying renewal notice time limit; allowing for the transfer of certain amount of funds; limiting the total amount transferred; prohibiting transfers between certain funds; requiring certain notification; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 6-101.3 and 6-101.26, which relate to teacher due process procedures; modifying definition; adding definition; modifying career teacher due process hearings; providing procedure for a career teacher pretermination hearing; providing procedure for a probationary teacher hearing; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-190.1, which relates to provisional certification for Speech-Language Pathologists; extending date for certain provisional certification; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-195, which relates to the residency program; providing an exception for mentor teachers on the residency committee; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 8-103, which relates to student transfers; requiring certain notification of cancellation of transfers; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7307-1.8, which relates to expungement of juvenile court records; allowing certain persons to petition for expungement of records pertaining to truancy; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 10-105, which relates to attendance requirements; modifying truancy age; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-104, which relates to purpose of funds; deleting requirement for adjustment of appropriation when there is a reduction in State Aid allocations; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-124, which relates to administrative services expenditure limitations; clarifying statutory language; modifying dates; modifying definition of administrative services; providing for allocation of a school employee time for administrative services; providing for allocation of time and the coding of salary of a superintendent; requiring school districts to submit certain costs; prohibiting the State Board of Education from withholding certain payments for certain violations; prohibiting the reduction of a teacher salary and fringe benefit except under certain circumstances; providing for forfeiture of State Aid for willful reductions of salary; directing the State Department of Education to withhold an amount for payment to the teacher; establishing dates on alleged underpayments; limiting complaint filing time period; authorizing teachers to take or pursue judicial action; directing the State Board of Education to promulgate rules; authorizing the Virtual Internet School Pilot Program Coordinating Committee to enter into cooperative partnerships; stating goals of partnerships; providing for certain contracts; providing for certain assistance; stating

work of the committee; requiring products, processes, and ideas to be construed in certain manner and following certain standards; directing the Committee to establish evaluation criteria; requiring certain reports; requiring application of certain law; requiring partnerships to be formed in certain manner; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-152, which relates to the Academic Performance Award Program; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-195.1, which relates to a continuing education program for teachers teaching mathematics; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 6-204.1 and 6-204.2, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 6-204.2), which relate to the Education Leadership Oklahoma program; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-108, which relates to kindergarten attendance; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.508E, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1210.508E), which relates to retention and remediation of certain third-grade students; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 1210.568, as amended by Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 801 of the 1st Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature and 1210.569, which relate to alternative education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.710, which relates to school counselors for urban school districts; making certain legislative mandates contingent upon funding by the Legislature; authorizing implementation upon securing other funds; adding certain definition; modifying requirement for bonus; giving certain elementary school districts an automatic waiver; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 3-116, as last amended by Section 76 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1816 of the 1st Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature and 3-117, which relate to the Education Oversight Board and the Office of Accountability; deleting obsolete language; modifying oversight functions; transferring the Office of Accountability to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; transferring certain funds from the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; repealing Section 34 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1162 of the 1st Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the transfer of certain amounts of funds; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.