

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1113

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the administrative duties of school districts to be combined in certain circumstances; establishing criteria for combining administrative duties of independent school districts; establishing criteria for combining administrative duties of elementary school districts; directing the State Board of Education to take certain action; requiring the Board to formulate an agreement between school districts; authorizing the Board to promulgate rules; providing for employment of full-time principals, assistant principals, and teaching principals at certain school sites; 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 5-117.7 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Administrative duties of a school district which meet the criteria established in subsection B of this section shall be combined with a contiguous school district or districts pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. 1. The administrative duties of an independent school district shall be combined if the school district has:

- a. an average daily membership of less than five hundred,
and
- b. a transportation area of less than one hundred (100)
square miles.

2. The administrative duties of an elementary school district shall be combined if the school district has:

- a. an average daily membership of less than two hundred,
and
- b. a transportation area of less than seventy-five (75)
square miles.

C. The State Board of Education shall take action necessary to assist school districts which meet the criteria established in subsection B of this section to reach an agreement on combining the administrative duties of the school district with one or more contiguous school districts. If the school districts cannot agree, the Board shall formulate an agreement between the districts outlining how the administrative duties will be shared and how the costs will be allocated.

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

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-117.8 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school site with two hundred or more average daily membership may have a full-time principal. An assistant principal may be employed when the average daily membership of the school site exceeds five hundred. An additional assistant principal may be employed for each additional two hundred fifty average daily membership.

B. Any school site with fewer than two hundred average daily membership shall not have a full-time principal, but shall have a teaching principal.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 4. 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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