

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1125

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the administrative duties of elementary school districts to be combined in certain circumstances; 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; requiring each agreement to address certain items; requiring each agreement to address multi-year contracts; defining administrative services; authorizing the Board to promulgate rules; 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 services of an elementary 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 services of an elementary school district shall be combined if the school district has:

- a. an average daily membership of less than one hundred (100), 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 elementary school districts which meet the criteria established in subsection B of this section to reach an agreement on

combining the administrative services 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 services will be shared and how the costs will be allocated. Any agreement for sharing administrative services shall address the division of time of each employee, payment of benefits for each employee, contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma for each employee, and how each employee will be counted for calculating certain weights for purposes of the State Aid formula as provided for in Section 18-201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The agreement shall also address payment of any employees who are employed on a continuing multi-year contract at the time administrative services are combined.

D. For purposes of this section, "administrative services" shall mean any employee of an elementary school district employed as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, director, coordinator, supervisor, principal, assistant principal, and any employee who has responsibility for administrative functions of an elementary school district.

E. The Board shall promulgate rules implementing 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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