

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2537:

Winchester

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to develop and implement a paperwork reduction and simplification plan; providing timeline for implementation of the plan; stating goal of the plan; requiring the plan to work in conjunction with a state student record system; requiring compliance with certain standards; requiring utilization of certain applications; providing for input from school districts and school district personnel; requiring identification of all requirements and data; providing for coordination of reporting dates and use of electronic data processing; providing for codification; 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 3-155 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall develop and implement a paperwork reduction and simplification plan. The plan shall be developed no later than June 30, 2005. The plan shall be piloted by certain select school districts during the 2005-2006 school year and shall be implemented statewide by the 2006-2007 school year. The plan shall be designed to eliminate and otherwise consolidate paperwork through the use of electronic data collection and processing and to simplify and reduce the number and length of written reports, statistics, and other information required of, by, or through the Board or State Department of Education of any school district or school district personnel. The plan shall be designed to work in conjunction with a state student record system developed

by the Board and shall comply, when applicable, with the same standards and compliance capabilities as established for a state student record system as outlined in Section 3-160 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The plan shall utilize web-based applications for the transfer of data. In developing the paperwork reduction and simplification plan, the Board shall provide for the input and participation of school districts and school district personnel. The paperwork reduction and simplification plan implemented by the Board shall be based on a complete identification of all requirements relative to maintaining records and completing and filing reports mandated by law or rule, including but not limited to any forms, reports, or records related to school accreditation, student attendance, student health and health testing, transportation, any federally funded educational program including school lunch and breakfast programs, textbooks, student testing, transfers of students, teacher certification, teacher continuing education programs, student discipline, and any other required education-related data. The paperwork reduction and simplification plan shall provide, to the greatest extent possible, for the coordination of reporting dates, for use of electronic data processing for the compiling, transmitting, and storing of data, and for monitoring implementation of the plan.

SECTION 2. 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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