

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1444

By: Coody and Duncan of the
House

and

Barrington of the Senate

(schools - legislative findings - State Board of
Education to conduct a data reporting reduction
and simplification study - noncodification -
codification -

emergency)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that the State Board of Education is in
the process of developing and implementing a state student record
system that will provide for the electronic transmission of student
and school district data to the State Department of Education. The
Legislature further finds that during this transition to electronic
transmission of data, the state should take advantage of the
opportunity to also explore ways to eliminate, reduce, consolidate,
and simplify the amount, type and length of data reported by school
districts so as to make the collection and reporting process more
efficient and to allow schools and school personnel more time to
educate students.

SECTION 2. 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 study and fully assess ways
to eliminate, reduce, consolidate, and simplify the number, type,

and length of reports, data, statistics, and other information required of any school district or school district personnel by the Board or State Department of Education. The Board is hereby authorized to retain a consultant or expert as may be necessary to complete the study. The study shall include the feasibility of coordinating reporting dates and shall identify all requirements for maintaining, completing and filing records and reports mandated by law or rule and make recommendations for any amendments that may be necessary to the law or rules to implement the recommendations reported in the study. In conducting research for the study, the Board shall provide for the input and participation of school districts and school district personnel. A final report of the findings and recommendations of the study shall be filed with the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2005.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate