

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1444

By: Coody, Duncan, Blackwell,
Dank and Kern of the House

and

Barrington of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; stating legislative findings; directing the State Board of Education to study ways to reduce and simplify data and information collected from school districts and personnel; authorizing the Board to retain a consultant or expert if funding is available; providing for certain components in the study; providing for input and participation from school districts and personnel; requiring a preliminary report by a certain date; requiring a final report when funding is available; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and declaring an 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 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. Subject to the availability of funding, 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. By December 31, 2005, the Board shall issue a preliminary report of any findings and recommendations collected prior to that date. Upon the availability of funding, the Board shall complete the findings and recommendations of the study and shall file a final report with the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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 24th day of May, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 2005.

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