

EHB 1444

THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, April 12, 2005

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1444

As Amended

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]

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.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-155 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The State Board of Education shall study and fully assess ways
5 to eliminate, reduce, consolidate, and simplify the number, type,
6 and length of reports, data, statistics, and other information
7 required of any school district or school district personnel by the
8 Board or State Department of Education. The Board is hereby
9 authorized to retain a consultant or expert as may be necessary to
10 complete the study. The study shall include the feasibility of
11 coordinating reporting dates and shall identify all requirements for
12 maintaining, completing and filing records and reports mandated by
13 law or rule and make recommendations for any amendments that may be
14 necessary to the law or rules to implement the recommendations
15 reported in the study. In conducting research for the study, the
16 Board shall provide for the input and participation of school
17 districts and school district personnel. A final report of the
18 findings and recommendations of the study shall be filed with the
19 Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President
20 Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2005.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-6-05 - DO
4 PASS, As Amended.