STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1876 By: Hickman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to make and submit a report on special education services by a certain date; listing content of the report; 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 State Board of Education shall make and submit to the Legislature, on or before July 1, 2006, a full report of expenditures for special education services provided to children with disabilities in the state in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the academic achievement of children who have individualized education programs pursuant to IDEA. The report shall include data for the last five (5) years and include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

1. The total expenditure in Oklahoma, including federal, state, and local funds, on special education services to children with disabilities;

2. The total amount of federal funds collected in Oklahoma for special education services for children with disabilities;

3. The total amount of state and federal funds collected and expended by school districts for each pupil category as set forth in paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 18-201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. The total annual enrollment of children with disabilities;

5. The average expenditure per child with a disability;

6. A summary of the types of educational and related services provided to children with disabilities by school districts;

7. The number of students with disabilities exempted from participation in or provided appropriate accommodations for statewide tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act;

8. The statewide test score average of children with disabilities, disaggregated by disability category, on tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act;

9. The statewide dropout rate and graduation rate of children with disabilities, disaggregated by disability category, and the number of years required for graduation;

10. The number and type of staff, including teachers and administrators; and

11. The number of complaints filed with the State Department of Education about a school district special education program and the number of due process hearings initiated by parents, the resolution of the hearings, and the total amount of costs and expenses incurred by school districts involved in such hearings. For purposes of this paragraph, costs and expenses shall include, but is not limited to, attorney fees and expenses, technical or expert witness fees and expenses, other witness fees and expenses and witness travel expenses.

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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