

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2137

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring school districts to expend certain amount on direct instructional activities; requiring the State Board of Education to determine the manner for computing expenditures; setting minimum percentages for certain years; listing certain standards and definitions as method for determining expenditure for direct instructional activities; requiring school districts to compute and report certain information to the State Board of Education; directing the Board to promulgate rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 18-124.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, a school district shall expend at least sixty-one percent (61%) of the total yearly expenditures of the school district to fund direct instructional activities in the district. The State Board of Education shall by rule determine the manner in which the total yearly expenditures of a school district are computed for purposes of this section.

B. For the 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011 school years, a school district shall expend at a minimum the following percentages of the total yearly expenditures of the school district to fund direct instructional activities in the district:

1. For the 2008-2009 school year, at least fifty-eight percent (58%);

2. For the 2009-2010 school year, at least fifty-nine percent (59%); and

3. For the 2010-2011 school year, at least sixty percent (60%).

C. For purposes of this section, whether an expenditure is an expenditure for direct instructional activities shall be determined in accordance with standards and definitions adopted by the National Center for Education Statistics of the United States Department of Education.

D. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, a school district shall compute and report to the State Board of Education:

1. The percentage of the total yearly expenditures of the school district for the preceding fiscal year that was used to fund direct instructional activities;

2. The percentage of the total yearly expenditures of the school district for the preceding fiscal year that was used to fund direct instructional activities related to courses that are subject to assessment pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program; and

3. The percentage of the full-time-equivalent employees in the school district during the preceding fiscal year whose job function was to directly provide classroom instruction to students, determined by dividing the number of hours spent by employees in providing direct classroom instruction by the total number of hours worked by all district employees.

E. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for purposes of implementing the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

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.

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