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7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 14,
8 Chapter 58, O.S.L. 2003, as amended by Section 13,
9 Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2005 (3A O.S. Supp. 2006, Section
10 713), which relates to the disposition of proceeds
11 from the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund;
12 modifying appropriation of certain percentage of
13 monies from the fund for certain purposes; providing
14 for appropriation of certain percentage of monies
15 from the fund to the State Public Common School
16 Building Equalization Fund; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
17 Section 3-104, which relates to the powers and duties
18 of the State Board of Education; clarifying statutory
19 language; deleting certain monies from deposit to the
20 State Public Common School Building Equalization
21 Fund; adding certain monies for deposit to the fund;
22 allowing the fund to be used for construction of
23 buildings; directing the Board to solicit proposals
24 for grants; establish certain criteria for grants;
providing limit for the number and amount of grants;
specifying monies to be used for administering the
fund; deleting certain duty of the State Board of
Education, Commissioners of the Land Office, and
other public agencies; providing an effective date;
and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 14, Chapter 58, O.S.L.
23 2003, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2005 (3A O.S.
24 Supp. 2006, Section 713), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 713. A. All gross proceeds shall be the property of
2 the Oklahoma Lottery Commission. From its gross proceeds, the
3 Commission shall pay the operating expenses of the Commission. At
4 least forty-five percent (45%) of gross proceeds shall be made
5 available as prize money. However, the provisions of this
6 subsection shall be deemed not to create any lien, entitlement,
7 cause of action, or other private right, and any rights of holders
8 of tickets or shares shall be determined by the Commission in
9 setting the terms of its lottery or lotteries. For each fiscal
10 year, net proceeds shall equal at least thirty-five percent (35%) of
11 the gross proceeds. However, for the purpose of repaying
12 indebtedness issued pursuant to Section 33 of this act, for the
13 first two (2) full fiscal years and any partial first fiscal year of
14 the Commission, net proceeds need only equal at least thirty percent
15 (30%) of the gross proceeds. All of the net proceeds shall be
16 transferred to the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund as provided
17 in subsection B of this section.

18 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund to be
19 designated the "Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund". On or
20 before the fifteenth day of each calendar quarter, the Commission
21 shall transfer to the State Treasurer, for credit to the Oklahoma
22 Education Lottery Trust Fund, the amount of all net proceeds
23 accruing during the preceding calendar quarter. Expenditures from
24 the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer

1 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State
2 Finance for approval and payment.

3 Upon their deposit into the State Treasury, any monies
4 representing a deposit of net proceeds shall then become the
5 unencumbered property of this state, and neither the Commission nor
6 the board of trustees shall have the power to agree or undertake
7 otherwise. The monies shall be invested by the State Treasurer in
8 accordance with state investment practices. All earnings
9 attributable to such investments shall likewise be the unencumbered
10 property of the state and shall accrue to the credit of the fund.

11 C. Monies in the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund shall
12 only be appropriated as follows:

13 1. Forty-five percent (45%) for the following:

- 14 a. kindergarten through twelfth grade public education,
15 including but not limited to compensation and benefits
16 for public school teachers and support employees, and
17 b. early childhood development programs, which shall
18 include but not be limited to costs associated with
19 prekindergarten and full-day kindergarten programs;

20 2. ~~Forty five percent (45%)~~ Forty percent (40%) for the
21 following:

- 22 a. tuition grants, loans and scholarships to citizens of
23 this state to enable such citizens to attend colleges
24 and universities located within this state, regardless

1 of whether such colleges and universities are owned or
2 operated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
3 Education, or to attend institutions operated under
4 the authority of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
5 Technology Education, including but not limited to
6 such programs as the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access
7 Program; provided such tuition grants, loans and
8 scholarships shall not be made to a citizen of this
9 state to attend a college or university which is not
10 accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
11 Education,

12 b. construction of educational facilities for elementary
13 school districts, independent school districts, The
14 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and career
15 and technology education,

16 c. capital outlay projects for elementary school
17 districts, independent school districts, the Oklahoma
18 State System of Higher Education, and career and
19 technology education,

20 d. technology for public elementary school district,
21 independent school district, state higher education,
22 and career and technology education facilities, which
23 shall include but not be limited to costs of providing
24 to teachers at accredited public institutions who

1 teach levels kindergarten through twelfth grade,
2 personnel at technology centers under the authority of
3 the Oklahoma State Department of Career and Technology
4 Education, and professors and instructors within The
5 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the
6 necessary training in the use and application of
7 computers and advanced electronic instructional
8 technology to implement interactive learning
9 environments in the classroom and to access the state-
10 wide distance learning network and costs associated
11 with repairing and maintaining advanced electronic
12 instructional technology,

13 e. endowed chairs for professors at institutions of
14 higher education operated by The Oklahoma State System
15 of Higher Education, and

16 f. programs and personnel of the Oklahoma School for the
17 Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind;

18 3. Five percent (5%) to the State Public Common School Building
19 Equalization Fund;

20 4. Five percent (5%) to the School Consolidation and Assistance
21 Fund; and

22 ~~4.~~ 5. Five percent (5%) to the Teachers' Retirement System
23 Dedicated Revenue Revolving Fund.
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1 D. The Legislature shall appropriate funds from the Oklahoma
2 Education Lottery Trust Fund only for the purposes specified in
3 subsection C of this section. Even when funds from the trust fund
4 are used for these purposes, the Legislature shall not use funds
5 from the trust fund to supplant or replace other state funds
6 supporting common education, higher education, or career and
7 technology education.

8 E. In order to ensure that the funds from the trust fund are
9 used to enhance and not supplant funding for education, the State
10 Board of Equalization shall examine and investigate appropriations
11 from the trust fund each year. At the meeting of the State Board of
12 Equalization held within five (5) days after the monthly
13 apportionment in February of each year, the State Board of
14 Equalization shall issue a finding and report which shall state
15 whether appropriations from the trust fund were used to enhance or
16 supplant education funding. If the State Board of Equalization
17 finds that education funding was supplanted by funds from the trust
18 fund, the Board shall specify the amount by which education funding
19 was supplanted. In this event, the Legislature shall not make any
20 appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year until an appropriation in
21 that amount is made to replenish the trust fund.

22 F. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, no
23 deficiency in the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund shall be
24 replenished by reducing any nonlottery funds, including specifically

1 but without limitation, the General Revenue Fund, the Constitutional
2 Reserve Fund or the Education Reform Revolving Fund of the State
3 Department of Education. No program or project started specifically
4 from lottery proceeds shall be continued from the General Revenue
5 Fund, the Constitutional Reserve Fund or the Education Reform
6 Revolving Fund of the State Department of Education. Such programs
7 must be adjusted or discontinued according to available lottery
8 proceeds unless the Legislature by general law establishes
9 eligibility requirements and appropriates specific funds therefor.
10 No surplus in the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund shall be
11 reduced or transferred to correct any nonlottery deficiencies in
12 sums available for general appropriations. The provisions of this
13 subsection shall not apply to bonds or other obligations issued
14 pursuant to or to the repayment of bonds or other obligations issued
15 pursuant to the Oklahoma Higher Education Promise of Excellence Act
16 of 2005.

17 G. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
18 fund to be designated the "Oklahoma Education Lottery Revolving
19 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
20 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
21 Commission. The Commission shall make payments of net proceeds from
22 the fund to the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund on or before
23 the fifteenth day of each calendar quarter as provided in subsection
24 B of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the

1 Oklahoma Education Lottery Revolving Fund are hereby appropriated
2 and may be budgeted and expended for the payment of net proceeds,
3 prizes, commissions to retailers, administrative expenses and all
4 other expenses arising out of the operation of the education
5 lottery, subject to the limitations provided in this act.

6 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
7 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
8 Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

9 The monies in the fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer
10 in accordance with state investment practices. All earnings
11 attributable to such investments shall likewise accrue to the credit
12 of the fund.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-104, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 3-104. The control of the State Department of Education
16 and the supervision of the public school system of Oklahoma shall be
17 vested in the State Board of Education and, subject to limitations
18 otherwise provided by law, the State Board of Education shall:

19 1. Establish and prescribe the duties of an executive officer
20 who shall be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and
21 whose duties shall include the responsibility to give advice and
22 make recommendations to the Board on all matters pertaining to the
23 policies and administration of the State Department of Education and
24 the public school system;

- 1 2. Adopt policies and make rules for the operation of the State
2 Department of Education and the public school system of the state;
- 3 3. Organize and have control of the administrative and
4 supervisory agencies, divisions, personnel and their appointment and
5 salaries and other operations necessary to carry out the powers,
6 duties and functions of the Board and its executive officer;
- 7 4. Have authority to require the coordination of all divisions
8 of the State Department of Education through its executive officer,
9 delegate general supervision of all employees to its executive
10 officer, require all recommendations to be presented through its
11 executive officer, require its executive officer to be responsible
12 for interpretation of the Board's policy, require any employee of
13 the Board to present any specific matter directly to the Board;
- 14 5. Appoint, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of a
15 secretary, an attorney and all other personnel necessary for the
16 proper performance of the functions of the State Board of Education.
17 The secretary shall not be a member of the Board;
- 18 6. Submit to the Governor a departmental budget based upon
19 major functions of the Department supported by detailed data on
20 needs and proposed operations as partially determined by the
21 budgetary needs of local school districts filed with the State Board
22 of Education for the ensuing fiscal year. Appropriations therefor
23 shall be made in lump-sum form for each major item in the budget as
24 follows:

- 1 a. State Aid to schools,
2 b. the supervision of all other functions of general and
3 special education including general control, free
4 textbooks, school lunch, Indian education and all
5 other functions of the Board and an amount sufficient
6 to adequately staff and administer these services, and
7 c. the Board shall determine the details by which the
8 budget and the appropriations are administered.

9 Annually, the Board shall make preparations to
10 consolidate all of the functions of the Department in
11 such a way that the budget can be based on two items,
12 administration and aid to schools. A maximum amount
13 for administration shall be designated as a part of
14 the total appropriation;

15 7. On the first day of December preceding each regular session
16 of the Legislature, prepare and deliver to the Governor and the
17 Legislature a report for the year ending June 30 immediately
18 preceding said regular session of the Legislature. Said report
19 shall contain:

- 20 a. detailed statistics and other information concerning
21 enrollment, attendance, expenditures including State
22 Aid, and other pertinent data for all public schools
23 in this state,
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1 b. reports from each and every division, department,
2 institution or other agency under the supervision of
3 the Board,

4 c. recommendations for the improvement of the public
5 school system of the state,

6 d. a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the
7 State Board of Education for the past year, and

8 e. a statement of plans and recommendations for the
9 management and improvement of public schools and such
10 other information relating to the educational
11 interests of the state as may be deemed necessary and
12 desirable;

13 8. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula,
14 courses of study and other instructional aids necessary for the
15 adequate instruction of pupils in the public schools;

16 9. Have authority in matters pertaining to the licensure and
17 certification of persons for instructional, supervisory and
18 administrative positions and services in the public schools of the
19 state subject to the provisions of Section 6-184 of this title, and
20 shall formulate rules governing the issuance and revocation of
21 certificates for superintendents of schools, principals,
22 supervisors, librarians, clerical employees, school nurses, school
23 bus drivers, visiting teachers, classroom teachers and for other
24 personnel performing instructional, administrative and supervisory

1 services, but not including members of boards of education and other
2 employees who do not work directly with pupils, and may charge and
3 collect reasonable fees for the issuance of such certificates:

- 4 a. the State Department of Education shall not issue a
5 certificate to and shall revoke the certificate of any
6 person who has been convicted, whether upon a verdict
7 or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere,
8 or received a suspended sentence or any probationary
9 term for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime
10 provided for in Section 7115 of Title 10 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse
12 or sexual exploitation as those terms are defined in
13 Section 7102 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
14 Sections 741, 843.1, if the offense included sexual
15 abuse or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 888,
16 891, 1021, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1040.51, 1087,
17 1088, 1111.1, 1114 or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
18 Statutes or who enters this state and who has been
19 convicted, received a suspended sentence or received a
20 deferred judgement for a crime or attempted crime
21 which, if committed or attempted in this state, would
22 be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided
23 for in any of said laws,

1 b. all funds collected by the State Department of
2 Education for the issuance of certificates to
3 instructional, supervisory and administrative
4 personnel in the public schools of the state shall be
5 deposited in the "Teachers' Certificate Fund" in the
6 State Treasury and may be expended by the State Board
7 of Education to finance the activities of the State
8 Department of Education necessary to administer the
9 program, for consultative services, publication costs,
10 actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in
11 the State Travel Reimbursement Act incurred by persons
12 performing research work, and other expenses found
13 necessary by the State Board of Education for the
14 improvement of the preparation and certification of
15 teachers in Oklahoma. Provided, any unobligated
16 balance in the Teachers' Certificate Fund in excess of
17 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) on June 30 of any
18 fiscal year shall be transferred to the General
19 Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma. Until July 1,
20 1997, the State Board of Education shall have
21 authority for approval of teacher education programs.
22 The State Board of Education shall also have authority
23 for the administration of teacher residency and
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1 professional development, subject to the provisions of
2 the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act;

3 10. Promulgate rules governing the classification, inspection,
4 supervision and accrediting of all public nursery, kindergarten,
5 elementary and secondary schools and on-site educational services
6 provided by public school districts or state-accredited private
7 schools in partial hospitalization programs, day treatment programs,
8 and day hospital programs as defined in this act for persons between
9 the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21) years of age in the state.
10 However, no school shall be denied accreditation solely on the basis
11 of average daily attendance.

12 Any school district which maintains an elementary school and
13 faces the necessity of relocating its school facilities because of
14 construction of a lake, either by state or federal authority, which
15 will inundate the school facilities, shall be entitled to receive
16 probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a
17 period of five (5) years after the effective date of this act and
18 any school district, otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to
19 receive probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education
20 for a period of two (2) consecutive years to attain the minimum
21 average daily attendance. The Head Start and public nurseries or
22 kindergartens operated from Community Action Program funds shall not
23 be subjected to the accrediting rules of the State Board of
24 Education. Neither will the State Board of Education make rules

1 affecting the operation of the public nurseries and kindergartens
2 operated from federal funds secured through Community Action
3 Programs even though they may be operating in the public schools of
4 the state. However, any of the Head Start or public nurseries or
5 kindergartens operated under federal regulations may make
6 application for accrediting from the State Board of Education but
7 will be accredited only if application for the approval of the
8 programs is made. The status of no school district shall be changed
9 which will reduce it to a lower classification until due notice has
10 been given to the proper authorities thereof and an opportunity
11 given to correct the conditions which otherwise would be the cause
12 of such reduction.

13 Private and parochial schools may be accredited and classified
14 in like manner as public schools or, if an accrediting association
15 is approved by the State Board of Education, by procedures
16 established by the State Board of Education to accept accreditation
17 by such accrediting association, if application is made to the State
18 Board of Education for such accrediting;

19 11. Be the legal agent of the State of Oklahoma to accept, in
20 its discretion, the provisions of any Act of Congress appropriating
21 or apportioning funds which are now, or may hereafter be, provided
22 for use in connection with any phase of the system of public
23 education in Oklahoma. It shall prescribe such rules as it finds
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1 necessary to provide for the proper distribution of such funds in
2 accordance with the state and federal laws;

3 12. Be and is specifically hereby designated as the agency of
4 this state to cooperate and deal with any officer, board or
5 authority of the United States Government under any law of the
6 United States which may require or recommend cooperation with any
7 state board having charge of the administration of public schools
8 unless otherwise provided by law;

9 13. Be and is hereby designated as the "State Educational
10 Agency" referred to in Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of the
11 United States, which law states that said act may be cited as the
12 "National School Lunch Act", and said State Board of Education is
13 hereby authorized and directed to accept the terms and provisions of
14 said act and to enter into such agreements, not in conflict with the
15 Constitution of Oklahoma or the Constitution and Statutes of the
16 United States, as may be necessary or appropriate to secure for the
17 State of Oklahoma the benefits of the school lunch program
18 established and referred to in said act;

19 14. Have authority to secure and administer the benefits of the
20 National School Lunch Act, Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of
21 the United States, in the State of Oklahoma and is hereby authorized
22 to employ or appoint and fix the compensation of such additional
23 officers or employees and to incur such expenses as may be necessary
24 for the accomplishment of the above purpose, administer the

1 distribution of any state funds appropriated by the Legislature
2 required as federal matching to reimburse on children's meals;

3 15. Accept and provide for the administration of any land,
4 money, buildings, gifts, donation or other things of value which may
5 be offered or bequeathed to the schools under the supervision or
6 control of said Board;

7 16. Have authority to require persons having administrative
8 control of all school districts in Oklahoma to make such regular and
9 special reports regarding the activities of the schools in said
10 districts as the Board may deem needful for the proper exercise of
11 its duties and functions. Such authority shall include the right of
12 the State Board of Education to withhold all state funds under its
13 control, to withhold official recognition, including accrediting,
14 until such required reports have been filed and accepted in the
15 office of said Board and to revoke the certificates of persons
16 failing or refusing to make such reports;

17 17. Have general supervision of the school lunch program. The
18 State Board of Education may sponsor workshops for personnel and
19 participants in the school lunch program and may develop, print and
20 distribute free of charge or sell any materials, books and bulletins
21 to be used in such school lunch programs. There is hereby created
22 in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Board, to be
23 designated the School Lunch Workshop Revolving Fund. The fund shall
24 consist of all fees derived from or on behalf of any participant in

1 any such workshop sponsored by the State Board of Education, or from
2 the sale of any materials, books and bulletins, and such funds shall
3 be disbursed for expenses of such workshops and for developing,
4 printing and distributing of such materials, books and bulletins
5 relating to the school lunch program. The fund shall be
6 administered in accordance with the Revolving Fund Procedures Act;

7 18. Prescribe all forms for school district and county officers
8 to report to the State Board of Education where required. The State
9 Board of Education shall also prescribe a list of appropriation
10 accounts by which the funds of school districts shall be budgeted,
11 accounted for and expended; and it shall be the duty of the State
12 Auditor and Inspector in prescribing all budgeting, accounting and
13 reporting forms for school funds to conform to such lists;

14 19. Provide for the establishment of a uniform system of pupil
15 and personnel accounting, records and reports;

16 20. Have authority to provide for the health and safety of
17 school children and school personnel while under the jurisdiction of
18 school authorities;

19 21. Provide for the supervision of the transportation of
20 pupils;

21 22. Have authority, upon request of the local school board, to
22 act in behalf of the public schools of the state in the purchase of
23 transportation equipment;

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1 23. Have authority and is hereby required to perform all duties
2 necessary to the administration of the public school system in
3 Oklahoma as specified in the Oklahoma School Code; and, in addition
4 thereto, those duties not specifically mentioned herein if not
5 delegated by law to any other agency or official;

6 24. Administer the State Public Common School Building
7 Equalization Fund established by Section 32 of Article X of the
8 Oklahoma Constitution. ~~Any royalties, bonuses, rentals or other~~
9 ~~monies derived from oil and gas and all other mineral leases on~~
10 ~~lands that have been or may be granted by the United States to the~~
11 ~~state for the use and benefit of the common schools, or lands that~~
12 ~~are or may be held by the Commissioners of the Land Office for the~~
13 ~~use and benefit of the common schools, the proceeds of the sale of~~
14 ~~easements, improvements and sand and gravel on any such lands, the~~
15 The proceeds of all property that shall fall to the state by
16 escheat, penalties for unlawful holding of real estate by
17 corporations, and capital gains on assets of the permanent school
18 fund, all monies appropriated to the fund from the Oklahoma Lottery
19 Trust Fund as provided for in paragraph 3 of subsection C of Section
20 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be deposited in ~~such~~
21 the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund, which.
22 The fund shall be used to aid school districts in acquiring or
23 constructing buildings ~~under rules prescribed by the State Board of~~
24 ~~Education, as the administering agency, subject to the limitations~~

1 fixed by Section 32 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution. The
2 Board shall solicit proposals for grants from schools and shall
3 determine the process for consideration of proposals. Grants shall
4 be awarded only to schools which have a total assessed property
5 valuation per average daily attendance that is less than sixty
6 percent (60%) of the state average total assessed property valuation
7 per average daily attendance and, at the time of application, the
8 district has voted the five-mill building fund levy authorized in
9 Section 10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, and has voted
10 indebtedness through the issuance of new bonds for at least eighty-
11 five percent (85%) within the last three (3) years of the maximum
12 allowable pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of Article X of
13 the Oklahoma Constitution as shown on the school district budget
14 filed with the State Board of Equalization for the current school
15 year and certifications by the Attorney General prior to April 1 of
16 the school year. The number and amount of each grant awarded by the
17 Board each year shall be determined based on the total amount
18 available in the fund each year. The State Board of Education shall
19 prescribe rules for making grants of aid from, and for otherwise
20 administering, ~~such~~ the fund pursuant to the provisions of this
21 paragraph, and may employ and fix the duties and compensation of
22 technicians, aides, clerks, stenographers, attorneys and other
23 personnel deemed necessary to ~~perform its duties;~~ and the carry out
24 the provisions of this paragraph. The cost of administering ~~such~~

1 the fund shall be paid from funds currently available monies
2 appropriated to the State Board of Education for the operation of
3 the State Department of Education. ~~It shall be the duty of the~~
4 ~~State Board of Education, the Commissioners of the Land Office and~~
5 ~~all other public agencies, officers and employees to observe and~~
6 ~~comply with the provisions of this paragraph, in all respects; and~~
7 ~~they shall not be held liable for any amount, penalty or punishment~~
8 ~~for having done so, unless and until they are directed to do~~
9 ~~otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction;~~

10 25. Recognize that the Director of the Oklahoma Department of
11 Corrections shall be the administrative authority for the schools
12 which are maintained in the state reformatories and shall appoint
13 the principals and teachers in such schools. Provided, that rules
14 of the State Board of Education for the classification, inspection
15 and accreditation of public schools shall be applicable to such
16 schools; and such schools shall comply with standards set by the
17 State Board of Education;

18 26. Have authority to administer a revolving fund which is
19 hereby created in the State Treasury, to be designated the
20 Statistical Services Revolving Fund. The fund shall consist of all
21 monies received from the various school districts of the state, the
22 United States Government, and other sources for the purpose of
23 furnishing or financing statistical services and for any other
24 purpose as designated by the Legislature. The State Board of

1 Education is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with school
2 districts, municipalities, the United States Government, foundations
3 and other agencies or individuals for services, programs or research
4 projects. The Statistical Services Revolving Fund shall be
5 administered in accordance with the Revolving Fund Procedures Act,
6 Section 155 et seq. of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

7 27. Have authority to review preliminary plans for new
8 construction and major alteration of public school buildings where
9 structural changes are proposed. No bids shall be let for the
10 construction or major alteration of any public school building until
11 preliminary plans and specifications for such construction or
12 alteration have been submitted to and reviewed by the State
13 Department of Education. The period of time during which such
14 review is conducted by the State Department of Education shall not
15 exceed thirty (30) days. The State Department of Education shall
16 advise each local school district regarding said review of
17 preliminary plans and specifications. Provided, nothing in this
18 subsection shall be construed as repealing any ordinance or building
19 code of any city, town or county.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

21 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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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.

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