

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1479

By: Fields and Dorman of the  
House

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2,  
9 Chapter 290, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section  
10 3-155), which relates to the study and assessment of  
11 information and reports; modifying certain reporting  
12 dates; specifying certain content of study; allowing  
13 each local school district to study and assess ways  
14 to reduce information required of school district  
15 personnel; requiring input and participation from  
16 school district personnel; allowing each local school  
17 district to study and assess ways to reduce the  
18 number of tests required by students; requiring  
19 findings and recommendations to be included in  
20 Comprehensive Local Education Plan and forwarded to  
21 State Department of Education; providing for  
22 codification; providing an effective date; an  
23 declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 290, O.S.L.  
21 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 3-155), is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 Section 3-155. A. The State Board of Education shall study and  
24 assess ways to eliminate, reduce, consolidate, and simplify the

1 number, type, and length of reports, data, statistics, and other  
2 information required of any school district or school district  
3 personnel by the Board or State Department of Education. Subject to  
4 the availability of funding, the Board is hereby authorized to  
5 retain a consultant or expert as may be necessary to complete the  
6 study. The study shall include the feasibility of coordinating  
7 reporting dates and shall identify all requirements for maintaining,  
8 completing and filing records and reports mandated by law or rule  
9 and make recommendations for any amendments that may be necessary to  
10 the law or rules to implement the recommendations reported in the  
11 study. In conducting research for the study, the Board shall  
12 provide for the input and participation of school districts ~~and,~~  
13 school district personnel, and other educational organizations. By  
14 December 31, ~~2005~~ 2010, the Board shall issue a preliminary report  
15 of any findings and recommendations collected prior to that date.  
16 ~~Upon the availability of funding, the~~ The Board shall complete the  
17 findings and recommendations of the study and shall file a final  
18 report with the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
19 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2012.

20 B. In conducting the study as required in this section, the  
21 Board may:

22 1. Survey a sample of classroom teachers from elementary,  
23 middle, and high school grades in the public schools in the state to  
24 determine the quantity and types of paperwork required from teachers

1 on a daily, weekly, monthly, semester, or annual basis as mandated  
2 by state law or rule;

3 2. Review efforts being made at the school district level to  
4 reduce the requirements for extraneous paperwork placed on teachers;

5 3. Collaborate with the United States Department of Education  
6 to standardize all compliance requirements of the federal  
7 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and review and  
8 simplify the paperwork established by the United States Department  
9 of Education to verify compliance with IDEA; and

10 4. Study the amount of state and local funds expended to meet  
11 the compliance and paperwork requirements of IDEA.

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-156 of Title 70, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 Each local school district may study and assess ways to  
16 eliminate, reduce, consolidate, and simplify the number, type, and  
17 length of reports, data, statistics, and other information required  
18 of any school district personnel by federal or state law. In  
19 conducting research for the study, the school district shall provide  
20 for the input and participation of school district personnel.

21 Each local school district may also study and assess ways to  
22 eliminate, reduce, consolidate, and simplify the number of tests  
23 required by students enrolled in school.

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