

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3253

By: Blackwell, Kern, Hilliard,  
McDaniel (Jeannie), Tibbs,  
Murphey, Thompson and  
Johnson of the House

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5 Brogdon of the Senate

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9 An Act relating to schools; creating the School  
10 District Transparency Act; defining terms; directing  
the State Department of Education to develop and  
11 operate a single publicly accessible website;  
specifying information to be included on the website;  
12 requiring search capabilities; requiring additional  
information to be included on the website after a  
13 certain date; requiring information to be posted  
within certain time; directing school districts to  
14 provide necessary information; prohibiting disclosure  
of confidential information; limiting liability;  
15 providing for codification; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-135.4 of Title 70, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "School  
23 District Transparency Act".

24 B. As used in the School District Transparency Act:

1        1. "Single website" means a website that allows the public to  
2 access information identified in subsections C and D of this section  
3 without any fee or charge to the public for the access; and

4        2. "Expenditure of funds" means the disbursement of state  
5 funds, local funds and federal funds whether appropriated or  
6 nonappropriated, excluding the payment of voluntary deductions by  
7 employees to receiving parties.

8        C. No later than January 1, 2011, the State Department of  
9 Education shall develop and operate a single website accessible by  
10 the public. The website shall include itemized expenditures by the  
11 Oklahoma Cost Accounting System code designation for each school  
12 district in the state. No later than January 1, 2011, the website  
13 shall include search capabilities.

14        D. As soon as practicable after January 1, 2011, the website  
15 shall also include, but not be limited to, the following information  
16 related to each expenditure of funds:

17        1. Name and principal location of the entity or recipients of  
18 the funds, excluding the release of information relating to the  
19 place of residence of an individual, release of information  
20 prohibited by subsection D of Section 24A.7 of Title 51 of the  
21 Oklahoma Statutes or by federal law relating to privacy rights;

22        2. Amount of funds expended;

23        3. Type of transaction;

24        4. Funding or expending entity; and

1 5. Descriptive purpose of the funding action or expenditure.

2 E. All data required to be posted on the single website  
3 pursuant to this section shall be available on the website no later  
4 than thirty (30) days after the expenditure information has been  
5 transmitted to the State Department of Education.

6 F. All school districts shall provide to the State Department  
7 of Education all information as is necessary to accomplish the  
8 purposes of this section.

9 G. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of  
10 information which is required to be kept confidential by state or  
11 federal law.

12 H. The disclosure of information required by this section shall  
13 create no liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, to the State of  
14 Oklahoma, any member of the State Board of Education or any employee  
15 of the State Department of Education for disclosure of the  
16 information or for any error or omission in the disclosure.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

18 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2010.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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