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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 1633

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1633 - By:
BROGDON, GUMM AND IVESTER of the Senate and BLACKWELL AND KERN of the
House.

An Act relating to schools; creating the School District Transparency Act;
providing short title; requiring State Department of Education to develop and
make available certain information on website; prohibiting charging of fees for
access; specifying certain information to be made available; stating deadlines;
providing certain exclusion from disclosure; prohibiting certain liability
resulting from disclosed information; providing for codification; and providing
an effective date.

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

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

4 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “School District Transparency
5 Act”.

6 B. By January 30, 2011, the State Department of Education shall develop and
7 make available on its website a searchable database of school district expenditures by
8 Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) code designation. The database shall be

1 accessible by the public without any fee or charge for access. The database shall provide
2 information on school district expenditures of state, federal, and local funds, whether
3 appropriated or nonappropriated, excluding payments of voluntary payroll deductions for
4 employees to receiving parties. The database shall further provide information,
5 including, but not limited to, the following:

6 1. The school district;

7 2. The name and principal location of the entity or recipient of the funds, excluding
8 release of information relating to an individual's place of residence, release of
9 information prohibited by subsection D of Section 24A.7 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma
10 Statutes, or by federal law relating to privacy rights;

11 3. The amount of funds expended;

12 4. The type of transaction; and

13 5. A descriptive purpose of the funding action or expenditure.

14 C. The Department shall make the data available on its website within one
15 hundred twenty (120) days of transmission of the expenditures to the Department by the
16 school district.

17 D. School districts shall provide information requested by the Department to
18 accomplish the purposes of this section.

19 E. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of information which is
20 required to be kept confidential by state or federal law.

21 F. The disclosure of information required by this section shall create no liability
22 whatsoever, civil or criminal, to the State of Oklahoma, the State Department of

1 Education, or any employee thereof for disclosure of required information or for any error
2 or omission in the disclosure.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04-01-10
5 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.