

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 561

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring public school
8 districts to establish certain goal to reduce
9 district annual electric consumption for certain time
10 period; requiring districts to implement certain
11 conservation practices; requiring districts to file
12 annual reports; requiring distribution of reports;
13 prohibiting penalties for noncompliance; providing
14 for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-131.3 of Title 70, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The board of education of each public school district in
20 this state shall establish a goal to reduce the school district's
21 annual electric consumption by five percent (5%) each fiscal year
22 for six (6) years beginning January 1, 2010. Each district shall
23 implement the measures they deem appropriate for their district in
24 order to achieve the overall goal of reducing the district's annual
electric consumption. Provided, however, each district shall, at a
minimum, implement the following policies:

1 1. Purchase equipment and appliances for district use that meet
2 or exceed:

3 a. the federal energy conservation standards under
4 Section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
5 (42 U.S.C. Section 6295), or a federal regulation
6 adopted under that act, or

7 b. the federal Energy Star standards designated by the
8 United States Environmental Protection Agency and the
9 United States Department of Energy; and

10 2. Purchase for use in each type of light fixture in any
11 district-owned facility the commercially available model of light
12 bulb that:

13 a. uses the fewest watts for the necessary luminous flux
14 or light output,

15 b. is compatible with the light fixture, and

16 c. is the most cost-effective, considering the factors
17 described by subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph.

18 B. No later than January 30 of each year each school district
19 shall file a report with the State Department of Education. The
20 State Department of Education is authorized to design a form or
21 request a specific format to facilitate the compilation of these
22 various annual reports. The State Department of Education shall
23 compile the reports and distribute a condensed report to the
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1 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
2 the House of Representatives by March 1 of each year.

3 C. There shall be no penalties enforced by the Legislature
4 against any school district unable to comply with the goal of
5 reducing its annual electric consumption in accordance with the
6 provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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