

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 436

By: Stanislawski, Fields and  
Branan of the Senate

3  
4 and

5 Brumbaugh of the House  
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8 [ Department of Education - Regional Education  
Administrative Districts - duties - financial support  
9 - fees - rules - codification - effective date -  
10 emergency ]  
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12 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Nelson

13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and  
14 entire bill and insert

15 "An Act relating to schools; authorizing the State  
16 Department of Education to establish Regional  
Education Administrative Districts (READs); stating  
17 functions; listing administrative services that may  
be provided by READs; allowing the Department to  
18 provide support to certain cooperatives; allowing  
READs to receive certain financial support;  
19 authorizing the State Board of Education to  
determine a range of fees; limiting amount of fees;  
20 providing for the discounting of fees for school  
districts with mutual superintendent contracts;  
21 making participation voluntary; directing the Board  
to promulgate rules; and providing for codification.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1           SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.285 of Title 70, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           A.   The State Department of Education may establish Regional  
5 Education Administrative Districts (READs) which may provide  
6 administrative services to school districts throughout the state.  
7 The Department shall provide information to school districts to  
8 educate districts about the functions and services which may be  
9 provided by READs. The information shall be disseminated to school  
10 districts through regional education officers and in any other  
11 manner deemed appropriate by the Department.

12           B.   The administrative services provided by READs may include  
13 but not be limited to treasurer services, accounting services,  
14 purchasing services, warehouse and distribution services, human  
15 resources services, construction management, maintenance, risk  
16 management, information technology services, special education  
17 coordination, curriculum coordination, speech pathologist services,  
18 transportation services, cafeteria services and shared  
19 superintendent services.

20           C.   If the State Department of Education finds a currently  
21 operating regional or interlocal cooperative providing services to  
22 school districts, the Department may provide support to the  
23 cooperative.

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1 D. READs may receive financial support from participating  
2 school districts from money appropriated for state aid purposes.  
3 The State Board of Education may determine the range of fees due to  
4 READs for basic costs of providing services, taking into  
5 consideration the minimum amount necessary for operation of a READ,  
6 the number and size of participating school districts and the  
7 geographic size of the READ service area. No fees shall be required  
8 of school districts pursuant to this act that are greater than fees  
9 charged school districts pursuant to similar programs.

10 E. 1. If two school districts enter into a mutual contract  
11 with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title 70 of the  
12 Oklahoma Statutes, both districts may receive a discounted fee, to  
13 be determined by the State Board of Education, for participating in  
14 a READ.

15 2. If three or more school districts enter into a mutual  
16 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title  
17 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the districts may receive an  
18 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of  
19 Education, for participating in a READ.

20 F. Participation in READs shall be voluntary.

21 G. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
22 implement the provisions of this section.”  
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.285 of Title 70, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. The State Department of Education may establish Regional  
16 Education Administrative Districts (READs) which may provide  
17 administrative services to qualifying school districts throughout  
18 the state in which fewer than one thousand (1,000) students are  
19 enrolled.

20 B. The administrative services provided by READs may include  
21 but not be limited to treasurer services, accounting services,  
22 purchasing services, warehouse and distribution services, human  
23 resources services, construction management, maintenance, risk  
24 management, information technology services, special education

1 coordination, curriculum coordination, speech pathologist services,  
2 transportation services, cafeteria services and shared  
3 superintendent services.

4 C. If the State Department of Education finds a currently  
5 operating regional or interlocal cooperative providing services to  
6 qualifying districts, the Department may provide support to the  
7 cooperative.

8 D. READs may receive financial support from participating  
9 school districts from money appropriated for state aid purposes.  
10 The State Board of Education may determine the range of fees due to  
11 READs for basic costs of providing services, taking into  
12 consideration the minimum amount necessary for operation of a READ,  
13 the number and size of participating school districts and the  
14 geographic size of the READ service area.

15 E. 1. If two (2) school districts enter into a mutual contract  
16 with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title 70 of the  
17 Oklahoma Statutes, both districts may receive a discounted fee, to  
18 be determined by the State Board of Education, for participating in  
19 a READ.

20 2. If three (3) or more school districts enter into a mutual  
21 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title  
22 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the districts may receive an  
23 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of  
24 Education, for participating in a READ.

1 F. Participation in READs shall be voluntary.

2 G. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
3 implement the provisions of this section.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

5 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9 Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2013.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
14 2013.

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