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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 5-135.4, which relates to the School District
9 Transparency Act; requiring certain information to be
made available on certain website; and providing an
effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 5-135.4 A. This section shall be known and may be
16 cited as the "School District Transparency Act".

17 B. By January 30, 2011, the State Department of Education shall
18 make school district expenditure data available on its website.
19 Data shall be made available in an open-structured data format that
20 may be downloaded by the public and that allows the user to
21 systematically sort, search, and access all data without any fee or
22 charge for access.

23 C. The database shall provide information on school district
24 expenditures of state, federal, and local funds, whether

1 appropriated or nonappropriated, excluding payments of voluntary
2 payroll deductions for employees to receiving parties. The database
3 shall further provide information, including, but not limited to,
4 the following:

5 1. Identification of the school district;

6 2. The Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) code designation
7 for each expenditure;

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

13 4. The amount of funds expended;

14 5. The type of transaction;

15 6. A descriptive purpose of the funding action or expenditure;

16 7. Copies of all credit card statements, identified by
17 department responsible for each credit card;

18 8. The budgeted and audited actual expenditure figures for each
19 fiscal year, ensuring each set of figures can be identified as
20 budgeted or audited figures; and

21 9. The per-pupil spending figure, derived by dividing total
22 expenditures by the total number of students enrolled for each
23 school year.

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1 D. The Department shall make the data available on its website
2 within one hundred twenty (120) days of transmission of the
3 expenditures to the Department by the school district.

4 E. School districts shall provide information requested by the
5 Department to accomplish the purposes of this section.

6 F. If a school district maintains a website, the district shall
7 provide the information required in subsection C of this section in
8 the manner prescribed in subsection B of this section on the
9 district website.

10 G. The Department shall also make the data available on
11 data.OK.gov within one hundred twenty (120) days of transmission of
12 the expenditures to the Department by the school district.

13 H. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of
14 information which is required to be kept confidential by state or
15 federal law.

16 I. The disclosure of information required by this section shall
17 create no liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, to the State of
18 Oklahoma, the State Department of Education, school districts, or
19 any employee thereof for disclosure of required information or for
20 any error or omission in the disclosure.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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