

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 934

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring the
8 administrative services of school districts that meet
9 certain criteria to be combined; directing the State
10 Board of Education to take certain action; requiring
11 agreements between school districts to address
12 certain items; authorizing receipt of certain funds;
13 providing certain definition; providing for
14 allocation of saved funds; providing for promulgation
15 of rules; providing for codification; providing an
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-207 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Administrative services of a school district which meets the
22 criteria established in subsection B of this section shall be
23 combined with a contiguous school district or districts pursuant to
24 the provisions of this section.

B. 1. The administrative services of an independent school
district with an average daily membership of less than two hundred

1 and fifty (250) shall be combined upon the retirement, resignation
2 or departure by other means of the superintendent.

3 2. The administrative services of an elementary school district
4 with an average daily membership of less than two hundred and fifty
5 (250) shall be combined upon the retirement, resignation or
6 departure by other means of the superintendent.

7 C. The State Board of Education shall take action necessary to
8 assist school districts which meet the criteria established in
9 subsection B of this section to reach an agreement on combining the
10 administrative services of the school district with one or more
11 contiguous school districts. If the school districts cannot agree,
12 the Board shall formulate an agreement between the districts
13 outlining how the administrative services will be shared and how the
14 costs will be allocated. Any agreement for sharing administrative
15 services shall address the division of time of each employee,
16 payment of benefits for each employee, contributions to the
17 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma for each employee and how
18 each employee will be counted for calculating certain weights for
19 purposes of the State Aid formula as provided for in Section 18-
20 201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The agreement shall
21 also address payment of any employees who are employed on a
22 continuing multi-year contract at the time administrative services
23 are combined.
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1 D. If one or more school districts in a county meet the
2 criteria established in subsection B of this section, the Board
3 shall work with all of the school districts in the county to combine
4 the administrative services of each school district into one
5 countywide administrative service to be shared by all school
6 districts in the county.

7 E. School districts which meet the criteria established in
8 subsection B of this section and enter into a mutual contract with a
9 superintendent as authorized pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title 70
10 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be authorized to receive funds from
11 the School Consolidation Assistance Fund created pursuant to Section
12 7-203 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 F. For purposes of this section, "administrative services"
14 shall mean the duties of any employee of a school district employed
15 as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, director,
16 coordinator, supervisor and the duties of any employee who has
17 responsibility for administrative functions of a school district,
18 including but not limited to human resources, purchasing, accounting
19 and information technology. "Administrative services" shall not
20 mean the duties of principals or assistant principals.

21 G. Money saved through administrative consolidation shall be
22 allocated by district boards of education to provide teacher salary
23 incentives. Incentives shall be provided to teachers based fifty-
24 one percent (51%) on the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness

1 Evaluation System rating given the teacher pursuant to Section 6-
2 101.10 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and forty-nine percent
3 (49%) on input from the district board of education.

4 H. The Board shall promulgate rules implementing the provisions
5 of this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

7 SECTION 3. 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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