

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 436

By: Stanislawski, Fields and
Branan of the Senate

and

Brumbaugh of the House

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An Act relating to schools; authorizing the State Department of Education to establish Regional Education Administrative Districts (READs); stating functions; listing administrative services that may be provided by READs; allowing the Department to provide support to certain cooperatives; allowing READs to receive certain financial support; authorizing the State Board of Education to determine a range of fees; limiting amount of fees; providing for the discounting of fees for school districts with mutual superintendent contracts; making participation voluntary; directing the Board to promulgate rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

21 D. READs may receive financial support from participating
22 school districts from money appropriated for state aid purposes.
23 The State Board of Education may determine the range of fees due to
24 READs for basic costs of providing services, taking into

1 consideration the minimum amount necessary for operation of a READ,
2 the number and size of participating school districts and the
3 geographic size of the READ service area. No fees shall be required
4 of school districts pursuant to this act that are greater than fees
5 charged school districts pursuant to similar programs.

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

11 2. If three or more school districts enter into a mutual
12 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title
13 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the districts may receive an
14 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of
15 Education, for participating in a READ.

16 F. Participation in READs shall be voluntary.

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

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

20 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
21 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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