

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL 436

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Brumbaugh of the House

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[Department of Education - Regional Education
Administrative Districts - duties - financial support
- fees - rules - codification - effective date -
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:

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

B. The administrative services provided by READs may include
but not be limited to treasurer services, accounting services,

1 purchasing services, warehouse and distribution services, human
2 resources services, construction management, maintenance, risk
3 management, information technology services, special education
4 coordination, curriculum coordination, speech pathologist services,
5 transportation services, cafeteria services and shared
6 superintendent services.

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

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

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

23 2. If three (3) or more school districts enter into a mutual
24 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title

1 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the districts may receive an
2 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of
3 Education, for participating in a READ.

4 F. Participation in READS shall be voluntary.

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

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

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

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