

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 436

By: Stanislawski, Fields and
Branan of the Senate

3 and

4 Brumbaugh of the House

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7 [Department of Education - Regional Education
8 Administrative Districts - duties - financial support
- fees - rules - codification - effective date -
emergency]

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

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

5 SECTION 3. 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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