

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 27, 2013

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 436

By: Stanislawski and Fields of
the Senate

and

Brumbaugh of the House

[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,
purchasing services, warehouse and distribution services, human

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

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

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

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

22 2. If three (3) or more school districts enter into a mutual
23 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title
24 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the districts may receive an

1 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of
2 Education, for participating in a READ.

3 F. Participation in READS shall be voluntary.

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

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

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.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
12 February 27, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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