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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1199

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 5-135.4), which relates to the School District Transparency Act; modifying the type of data to be made available on certain website; requiring a school district to provide on its website certain link to certain website or provide certain financial information on its website; directing the State Department of Education to undertake certain activities to inform the public about the availability of certain information on its website; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 5-135.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-135.4. A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "School District Transparency Act".

B. By January 30, 2011, the State Department of Education shall make school district and school site revenue and expenditure data

1 available on its website. Data shall be made available in an open-  
2 structured data format that may be downloaded by the public and that  
3 allows the user to systematically sort, search, and access all data  
4 without any fee or charge for access. If a school district has a  
5 website, the district shall provide a link on its home page to the  
6 State Department of Education's Oklahoma Cost Accounting System and  
7 School District Financial Information website, or the district shall  
8 provide the information required by subsection C of this section  
9 within one click of the home page of the school district's website.

10 C. The ~~database~~ website shall provide information on school  
11 district and school site revenue and expenditures of state, federal,  
12 and local funds, whether appropriated or nonappropriated, excluding  
13 payments of voluntary payroll deductions for employees to receiving  
14 parties. The ~~database~~ website shall further provide information,  
15 including, but not limited to, the following:

- 16 1. Identification of the school district;
- 17 2. The Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) code designation  
18 for each expenditure;
- 19 3. The name and principal location of the entity or recipient  
20 of the funds, excluding release of information relating to an  
21 individual's place of residence and release of information  
22 prohibited by subsection D of Section 24A.7 of Title 51 of the  
23 Oklahoma Statutes or by federal law relating to privacy rights;
- 24 4. The amount of funds expended;

1        5. The type of transaction;

2        6. A descriptive purpose of the funding action or expenditure;

3        7. The budgeted and audited actual expenditure figures for each  
4 fiscal year, ensuring each set of figures can be identified as  
5 budgeted or audited figures; and

6        8. The per-pupil spending figure, derived by dividing total  
7 current expenditures by the total number of students enrolled for  
8 each school year.

9        D. The Department shall make the data available on its website  
10 within one hundred twenty (120) days of transmission of the  
11 expenditures to the Department by the school district.

12       E. School districts shall provide information requested by the  
13 Department to accomplish the purposes of this section.

14       F. If a school district maintains a website, the district shall  
15 provide the information required in subsection C of this section in  
16 the manner prescribed in subsection B of this section on the  
17 district website.

18       G. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of  
19 information which is required to be kept confidential by state or  
20 federal law.

21       H. The disclosure of information required by this section shall  
22 create no liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, to the State of  
23 Oklahoma, the State Department of Education, school districts, or  
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1 any employee thereof for disclosure of required information or for  
2 any error or omission in the disclosure.

3 I. The Department shall undertake activities annually to inform  
4 parents, schools and other stakeholders about the availability of  
5 school district and school site revenue and expenditure data on its  
6 website and how to use the website.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
9 of the public peace, health or 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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