

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 920

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An Act relating to schools; requiring the administrative services of school districts that meet certain criteria to be combined; directing the State Board of Education to make certain notification; requiring the Board to take certain action; requiring administrative services to be combined by certain date; requiring agreements between school districts to address certain items; authorizing receipt of certain funds; providing certain definition; allowing certain employees to be housed at certain technology center school sites; providing for promulgation of 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 7-207 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The administrative services of an independent or dependent school district that had an average daily membership of less than two hundred (200) during the 2017-2018 school year, shall be

1 combined with a contiguous school district or districts pursuant to
2 the provisions of this section.

3 B. 1. By September 1, 2018, the State Board of Education shall
4 notify school districts that meet the criteria established in
5 subsection A of this section. The State Board of Education shall
6 take action necessary to assist school districts that meet the
7 criteria established in subsection A of this section to reach an
8 agreement on combining the administrative services of the school
9 district with one or more contiguous school districts. If any
10 school districts cannot reach an agreement by June 30, 2019, the
11 Board shall formulate an agreement between the districts outlining
12 how the administrative services will be shared and how the costs
13 will be allocated.

14 2. The combining of administrative services of school districts
15 required by paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be complete
16 effective July 1, 2020.

17 C. Any agreement for sharing administrative services shall
18 address the division of the following:

- 19 1. Time of each employee;
- 20 2. Payment of benefits of each employee;
- 21 3. Contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma
22 for each employee;

1 4. How each employee will be counted for calculating certain
2 weights for purposes of the State Aid Formula as provided for in
3 Section 18-201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

4 5. Payment of any employees who are employed on a continuing
5 multi-year contract at the time administrative services are
6 combined.

7 D. School districts which meet the criteria established in
8 subsection A of this section and enter into a mutual contract with a
9 superintendent as authorized pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title 70
10 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be authorized to receive funds from
11 the School Consolidation Assistance Fund as provided for in Section
12 7-203 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 E. For the purposes of this section, "administrative services"
14 shall mean the duties of any employee of a school district employed
15 as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, director, coordinator
16 or supervisor and the duties of any employee who has responsibility
17 for administrative functions of a school district, including but not
18 limited to human resources, purchasing, accounting and information
19 technology. "Administrative services" shall not mean the duties of
20 principals or assistant principals.

21 F. School district employees who perform consolidated
22 administrative services as required by this section may be housed at
23 a local technology center school site, as provided for in Section
24 1210.285 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 G. The Board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the
2 provisions of this section.

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

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

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