

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 514

By: Stanislawski and Loveless
of the Senate

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4 Casey of the House
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7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section
9 1210.285), which relates to Regional Education
10 Administrative Districts; requiring the State
11 Department of Education, in certain consultation, to
12 study shared administrative services of school
13 districts; providing guidelines for study; directing
the State Board of Education to publish certain list
by certain date; providing for notification of
certain school districts; providing for certain
meeting; and requiring the State Department of
Education to establish certain districts to provide
certain shared services.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L.
17 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.285), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 1210.285. A. The Within thirty (30) days of the
20 effective date of this act, the State Department of Education, in
21 consultation with the Office of Educational Quality and
22 Accountability, shall begin studying shared administrative services
23 of school districts in the state. The study shall take into
24 consideration:

1 1. Ways to reduce administrative costs, eliminate duplicative
2 overhead costs and improve efficiency among school district
3 operations;

4 2. The physical size of school districts, including the square
5 mileage of the district and its proximity to another school district
6 or districts;

7 3. The average daily membership (ADM) of the school districts;

8 4. The performance of school districts based on student
9 assessments required by Section 1210.508 of this title and the
10 annual reports required by Section 1210.545 of this title; and

11 5. The financial stability of the school districts.

12 B. 1. By December 1, 2018, the State Board of Education shall
13 publish a list of all dependent and independent school districts
14 that it recommends to share administrative services.

15 2. The State Board of Education shall provide districts
16 included in the list published pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
17 subsection the opportunity to be heard. The Board shall notify the
18 superintendent and school board members of districts included in the
19 list of the time, date and place of the meeting. The chair of the
20 State Board of Education may set time limits on individual
21 presentations.

22 C. Following the meetings required by subsection B of this
23 section, the State Department of Education ~~may~~ shall establish
24 Regional Education Administrative Districts (READs) which ~~may~~ shall

1 provide shared administrative services to school districts
2 ~~throughout the state~~ that choose to participate. The Department
3 shall provide information to school districts to educate districts
4 about the functions and services which may be provided by READs.
5 The information shall be disseminated to school districts through
6 regional education officers and in any other manner deemed
7 appropriate by the Department.

8 ~~B.~~ D. The administrative services provided by READs may include
9 but not be limited to treasurer services, accounting services,
10 purchasing services, warehouse and distribution services, human
11 resources services, construction management, maintenance, risk
12 management, information technology services, special education
13 coordination, curriculum coordination, speech pathologist services,
14 reading specialist services, transportation services, cafeteria
15 services and shared superintendent services. Any personnel
16 operating under a READ may be housed at a local technology center
17 school site.

18 ~~C.~~ E. If the State Department of Education finds a currently
19 operating regional or interlocal cooperative providing services to
20 school districts, the Department may provide support to the
21 cooperative.

22 ~~D.~~ F. READs may receive financial support from participating
23 school districts from money appropriated for state aid purposes.
24 The State Board of Education may determine the range of fees due to

1 READs for basic costs of providing services, taking into
2 consideration the minimum amount necessary for operation of a READ,
3 the number and size of participating school districts and the
4 geographic size of the READ service area. No fees shall be required
5 of school districts pursuant to this act that are greater than fees
6 charged school districts pursuant to similar programs.

7 ~~E.~~ G. 1. If two school districts enter into a mutual contract
8 with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of ~~Title 70 of the~~
9 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, both districts may receive a
10 discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of Education,
11 for participating in a READ.

12 2. If three or more school districts enter into a mutual
13 contract with a superintendent pursuant to Section 5-106A of ~~Title~~
14 ~~70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, the districts may receive an
15 appropriately discounted fee, to be determined by the State Board of
16 Education, for participating in a READ.

17 ~~F.~~ H. Participation in READs shall be voluntary.

18 ~~G.~~ I. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
19 implement the provisions of this section.
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1 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2017.

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10 of Representatives