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AS AMENDED

BILL NO. 1577

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, which relates to the School District Transparency Act; requiring State Department of Education to include on its website an itemized accounting of vacant or unused properties of school districts; defining certain terms; and requiring each school district to submit information to Department by certain date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, 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~~ The State Department of Education shall make school district expenditure data available on its website. Data shall be made available in an open-structured data format that may be downloaded by the public and that allows the user to systematically sort, search, and access all data without any fee or charge for access.

1 C. The database shall provide information on school district
2 expenditures of state, federal, and local funds, whether
3 appropriated or nonappropriated, excluding payments of voluntary
4 payroll deductions for employees to receiving parties. The database
5 shall further provide information, including, but not limited to,
6 the following:

7 1. Identification of the school district;

8 2. The Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) code designation
9 for each expenditure;

10 3. The name and principal location of the entity or recipient
11 of the funds, excluding release of information relating to an
12 individual's place of residence and release of information
13 prohibited by subsection D of Section 24A.7 of Title 51 of the
14 Oklahoma Statutes or by federal law relating to privacy rights;

15 4. The amount of funds expended;

16 5. The type of transaction;

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

18 7. Copies of all credit card statements, identified by
19 department responsible for each credit card;

20 8. The budgeted and audited actual expenditure figures for each
21 fiscal year, ensuring each set of figures can be identified as
22 budgeted or audited figures; and
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1 9. The per-pupil spending figure, derived by dividing total
2 expenditures by the total number of students enrolled for each
3 school year.

4 D. The database shall also include an itemized accounting of
5 all vacant or unused properties owned, leased or otherwise under the
6 direct control or management of the school district. For purposes
7 of this subsection only, "vacant" or "unused" means a physical
8 structure that is currently unoccupied by school district personnel.
9 This definition includes structures originally constructed as office
10 space or a school building but that is currently being used for
11 storage, but shall not include warehouses, barns or other structures
12 intended for storage or vehicle maintenance.

13 E. The Department shall make the data available on its website
14 within one hundred twenty (120) days of transmission of the
15 expenditures to the Department by the school district.

16 ~~E.~~ F. School districts shall provide information requested by
17 the Department to accomplish the purposes of this section.

18 ~~F.~~ G. If a school district maintains a website, the district
19 shall provide the information required in subsection C of this
20 section in the manner prescribed in subsection B of this section on
21 the district website.

22 ~~G.~~ H. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of
23 information which is required to be kept confidential by state or
24 federal law.

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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