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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 514

By: Stanislawski and Loveless

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[ schools - Regional Education Administrative
Districts - shared administrative services of school
districts ]
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

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

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

4 3. The average daily membership (ADM) of the school districts;
5 and

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

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

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

19 C. Following the meetings required by subsection B of this
20 section, the State Department of Education ~~may~~ shall establish
21 Regional Education Administrative Districts (READs) which ~~may~~ shall
22 provide shared administrative services to school districts
23 ~~throughout the state~~ included in the list published pursuant to
24 subsection B of this section. The Department shall provide

1 information to school districts to educate districts about the
2 functions and services which may be provided by READs. The
3 information shall be disseminated to school districts through
4 regional education officers and in any other manner deemed
5 appropriate by the Department.

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

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

20 ~~D.~~ F. READs may receive financial support from participating
21 school districts from money appropriated for state aid purposes.
22 The State Board of Education may determine the range of fees due to
23 READs for basic costs of providing services, taking into
24 consideration the minimum amount necessary for operation of a READ,

1 the number and size of participating school districts and the
2 geographic size of the READ service area. No fees shall be required
3 of school districts pursuant to this act that are greater than fees
4 charged school districts pursuant to similar programs.

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

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

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

16 ~~G.~~ I. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
17 implement the provisions of this section.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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