

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1201

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, which relates to the School District Transparency Act; modifying calculation for certain information; and providing an effective 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 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.

C. The database shall provide information on school district expenditures of state, federal, and local funds, whether appropriated or nonappropriated, excluding payments of voluntary

1 payroll deductions for employees to receiving parties. The database
2 shall further provide information, including, but not limited to,
3 the following:

4 1. Identification of the school district;

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

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

12 4. The amount of funds expended;

13 5. The type of transaction;

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

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

17 8. The budgeted and audited actual expenditure figures for each
18 fiscal year, ensuring each set of figures can be identified as
19 budgeted or audited figures; and

20 9. The per-pupil spending figure, derived by dividing total
21 current expenditures by the total number of students enrolled for
22 each school year.

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

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

6 F. If a school district maintains a website, the district shall
7 provide the information required in subsection C of this section in
8 the manner prescribed in subsection B of this section on the
9 district website.

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

13 H. The disclosure of information required by this section shall
14 create no liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, to the State of
15 Oklahoma, the State Department of Education, school districts, or
16 any employee thereof for disclosure of required information or for
17 any error or omission in the disclosure.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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