

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2860

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 5-135.4), which relates to the School District Transparency Act; adding school district information to be included in database; 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, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, 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. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Average Daily Membership
9 (ADM) of the school district;

10 3. Average classroom size of the school district;

11 4. Total number and percentage of students enrolled in the
12 school district that qualify for the free or reduced school lunch
13 program;

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

16 ~~3-~~ 6. The name and principal location of the entity or
17 recipient of the funds, excluding release of information relating to
18 an individual's place of residence and release of information
19 prohibited by subsection D of Section 24A.7 of Title 51 of the
20 Oklahoma Statutes or by federal law relating to privacy rights;

21 ~~4-~~ 7. The amount of funds expended;

22 ~~5-~~ 8. The type of transaction;

23 ~~6-~~ 9. A descriptive purpose of the funding action or
24 expenditure;

1 ~~7.~~ 10. The budgeted and audited actual expenditure figures for
2 each fiscal year, ensuring each set of figures can be identified as
3 budgeted or audited figures; ~~and~~

4 ~~8.~~ 11. The per-pupil spending figure, derived by dividing total
5 current expenditures by the total number of students enrolled for
6 each school year;

7 12. Per-pupil cost of superintendent salary, derived by
8 dividing the total salary of the superintendent by the total number
9 of students enrolled in the school district; and

10 13. Per-pupil cost of total superintendent compensation
11 package, derived by dividing the total compensation package
12 including fringe benefits of the superintendent by the total number
13 of students enrolled in the school district.

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

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

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

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

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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