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Floor Substitute (FS)

The FS for SB 600 requires the State Department of Education to publish a list by December 31, 2020, of all school districts with an average daily membership (ADM) of more than 30,000 students for the 2019-2020 school year. The measure requires school districts on the list to be divided into 2 districts with an ADM that is within 5 percentage points of each other and an assessed valuation within 5 percentage points of each other if approved at an election called by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to be held at the next general election for members of the school district board of education.

The measure directs the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education to provide assistance to school districts that divide. Additionally, the FS requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide to the University of Oklahoma Center for Spatial Analysis, each affected county election board and the State Election Board the data and maps for the boundaries of each new school district and the boundaries of each school district board seat within each new school district. It states that if a majority of voters do not approve the division of the school district, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is to call an election every five years thereafter.

If a school district is divided, the bill requires a general election to be held in April 2024 to elect a new school district board of education consisting of five members. The new districts are to be operational beginning July 1, 2024. The measure also directs the State Department of Education to publish a list by December 31, 2024, and each December 31 thereafter of all school districts that had an ADM of more than 30,000 the previous school year and for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to call for an election to divide the district into two districts, with an election to be held every five years thereafter if a majority of voters do not approve the division.

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