

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 193

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-104.4, as last amended by Section 27, Chapter 42, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-104.4), which relates to standards for accreditation of schools; modifying circumstances under which accreditation cannot be withdrawn or denied for failure to meet certain media program standards; directing certain prohibition to cease once per-pupil expenditures are equal to or more than certain regional average expenditure as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics; directing the State Board of Education to report whether expenditures have reached certain level by certain date; modifying circumstances under which the State Board of Education cannot assess certain penalties; directing certain prohibition to cease once per-pupil expenditures are equal to or more than certain regional average expenditure as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics; directing the State Board of Education to report whether expenditures have reached certain level by certain date; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-167, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-167), which relates to advisory councils; modifying circumstances under which school districts are exempt from certain advisory council requirements; directing certain prohibition to cease once per-pupil expenditures are equal to or more than certain regional average expenditure as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics; directing the State Board of Education to report whether expenditures have reached certain level by certain date; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 16-111, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 16-

1 111), which relates to textbook adoption; modifying
2 circumstances under which school districts are exempt
3 from certain textbook adoption requirements;
4 directing certain prohibition to cease once per-pupil
5 expenditures are equal to or more than certain
6 regional average expenditure as reported by the
7 National Center for Education Statistics; directing
8 the State Board of Education to report whether
9 expenditures have reached certain level by certain
10 date; providing an effective date; and declaring an
11 emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-104.4, as
14 last amended by Section 27, Chapter 42, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp.
15 2018, Section 3-104.4), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 3-104.4. A. On or before February 1, 1991, the State
17 Board of Education shall adopt standards for the accreditation of
18 the public schools in this state according to the requirements of
19 this act, to be effective as set forth in this act. The
20 accreditation standards shall incorporate the curricular standards
21 established pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of this title. The
22 accreditation standards shall equal or exceed the accreditation
23 standards for schools promulgated by the North Central Association
24 of Colleges and Schools to the extent that the standards are
25 consistent with an academic results oriented approach to
26 accreditation, excluding those standards which deal with affective
27 behavior to the extent the adoption of the standards does not

1 conflict with state statute. The accreditation adopted by the State
2 Board shall encompass accreditation for elementary schools, middle
3 schools, junior high schools, and high schools. The accreditation
4 standards shall be made available for public inspection at the
5 offices of the State Department of Education.

6 B. Standards for accreditation adopted by the State Board of
7 Education shall include standards relating to the provision of
8 school counselors to the public school children of this state. The
9 State Board of Education shall require each local school district to
10 provide information regarding the number of counselors serving each
11 school site, the duties of all such counselors including all
12 administrative duties, the number of students served by each
13 counselor, and information regarding the number of counselors
14 employed per elementary school, middle school, junior high school
15 and high school.

16 C. Except as otherwise provided by subsection A of this section
17 with regard to curricular standards, as a condition of receiving
18 state accreditation pursuant to this act:

19 1. High schools shall meet the accreditation standards not
20 later than June 30, 1995; and

21 2. Elementary, middle and junior high schools shall meet the
22 accreditation standards not later than June 30, 1999.

23 Schools shall thereafter continue to meet the accreditation
24 standards as a condition of continued accreditation. Nothing herein

1 shall be construed as preventing changes to the adopted standards by
2 the State Board of Education pursuant to the Administrative
3 Procedures Act.

4 D. If one or more school sites fails to receive accreditation
5 as required pursuant to this section by the dates set forth in
6 subsection C of this section or subsequently loses accreditation,
7 the State Board of Education shall close the school and reassign the
8 students to accredited schools within the district or shall annex
9 the district to one or more other districts in which the students
10 can be educated in accredited schools.

11 E. Standards for accreditation adopted by the State Board of
12 Education shall include standards relating to the provision of
13 educational services provided in partial hospitalization programs,
14 day treatment programs, day hospital programs, residential treatment
15 programs and emergency shelter programs for persons between the ages
16 of three (3) and twenty-one (21) years of age. The accreditation
17 standards shall apply to onsite and offsite educational services
18 provided by public school districts or state-accredited private
19 schools. The accreditation standards shall provide for warnings,
20 probation or nonaccredited status for schools that fail to meet the
21 standards. Each school which is providing or is required to provide
22 educational services for students placed in a program as described
23 in this subsection shall be actively monitored by the State
24 Department of Education. The Department shall determine on an

1 ongoing basis if the educational program and services are in
2 compliance with the accreditation standards. The Department shall
3 investigate a complaint of failure to provide educational services
4 within ten (10) days of receiving the complaint. If the Department
5 determines that a school has failed to comply with the accreditation
6 standards the Department shall report the recommended warning,
7 probation or nonaccredited accreditation status to the State Board
8 of Education within sixty (60) days. If a school does not take
9 action to comply with the accreditation standards within ninety (90)
10 days after a report is filed by the Department, the Board shall
11 withdraw accreditation for the school.

12 F. State Board accreditation regulations shall provide for
13 warnings and for assistance to schools and school districts whenever
14 there is reason to believe a school is in danger of losing its state
15 accreditation.

16 G. The State Board shall provide assistance to districts in
17 considering the possibility of meeting accreditation requirements
18 through the use of nontraditional means of instruction. The State
19 Board shall also assist districts in forming cooperatives and making
20 arrangements for the use of satellite instruction or other
21 instructional technologies to the extent that use of such
22 instructional means meets accreditation standards.

23 H. 1. Accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied nor
24 shall a penalty be assessed against a school or school district for

1 failing to meet the media materials and equipment standards and
2 media program expenditure standards as set forth in the
3 accreditation standards adopted by the Board.

4 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease
5 to be effective ~~during a fiscal year immediately following a fiscal~~
6 ~~year that the state financial support of public schools provides an~~
7 ~~amount~~ once state per-pupil expenditures are equal to or more than
8 ~~Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one Dollars and sixty cents~~
9 ~~(\$3,291.60) per weighted average daily membership as calculated~~
10 ~~pursuant to Section 18-200.1 of this title and reported to school~~
11 ~~districts by the State Department of Education on the initial~~
12 ~~tentative State Aid allocation notice~~ the regional average
13 expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public
14 elementary and secondary schools for the most current year for which
15 data is available, as reported by the National Center for Education
16 Statistics annually in the Digest of Education Statistics and funds
17 are provided. For purposes of this subsection, the regional average
18 expenditure shall consist of the current expenditures per pupil in
19 average daily attendance in public elementary and secondary schools
20 in unadjusted dollars for each of the following states: Arkansas,
21 Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico and Texas. By January 1 of
22 each year, the State Board of Education shall report whether the
23 expenditure level has been reached based on information reported
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1 annually in the Digest of Education Statistics by the National
2 Center for Education Statistics.

3 ~~3. If the amount set and calculated as provided for in~~
4 ~~paragraph 2 of this subsection is reduced by one percent (1%) or~~
5 ~~more as reported to school districts by the Department on the~~
6 ~~initial tentative State Aid allocation notice for the following~~
7 ~~fiscal year, the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall~~
8 ~~cease to be effective and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this~~
9 ~~subsection shall continue to be effective.~~

10 I. 1. The State Board shall not assess a financial penalty
11 against any school district which is given a deficiency in
12 accreditation status during any fiscal year as provided for in this
13 subsection.

14 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease
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17 ~~cease to be effective and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this~~
18 ~~subsection shall continue to be effective.~~

19 J. Accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied, nor
20 shall a penalty be assessed against, a school district for complying
21 with this section.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-167, as
23 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.
24 2018, Section 3-167), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3-167. A. 1. The State Board of Education shall
2 exempt all school districts from or waive any policy, rule or law
3 which requires school districts to form, convene, or participate in
4 any advisory council or committee, including but not limited to the
5 requirement to convene an advisory council when preparing the school
6 improvement plan as set forth in Section 5-117.4 of this title.

7 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease
8 to be effective ~~during a fiscal year immediately following a fiscal~~
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2 expenditure level has been reached based on information reported
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11 ~~subsection shall continue to be effective.~~

12 B. School districts shall not be exempted from forming,
13 convening or participating in an advisory council or committee if
14 required by federal law or regulation.

15 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 16-111, as
16 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 253, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.
17 2018, Section 16-111), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 16-111. A. Except as otherwise provided for in
19 subsection E of this section, the superintendent of schools of each
20 school district in the state shall appoint a local textbook
21 committee consisting of not fewer than three nor more than nine
22 members. Each committee shall have one lay member, with the
23 remainder of the members being teachers employed in the public
24 schools of the district, a majority of whom shall be classroom

1 teachers. The superintendent of schools or a designee who shall be
2 a principal or a curriculum specialist shall serve as chairperson of
3 the local textbook committee.

4 B. Upon the written request of any duly appointed local
5 textbook coordinator, the publisher of a textbook selected by the
6 State Textbook Committee shall furnish at least one examination copy
7 of the textbook and the teacher edition of the textbook, if one is
8 published, and a copy of software for purposes of complete
9 demonstration and review, if available, to the school district so
10 that the local textbook committee may examine any or all new
11 adoptions in the subjects taught or to be taught in schools in the
12 district.

13 C. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection E of this
14 section, on or before a date to be fixed by the State Board of
15 Education, each local textbook committee shall adopt textbooks from
16 the multiple list selected by the State Textbook Committee in a
17 manner as shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education. Each
18 local textbook committee shall serve without compensation and shall
19 cease to exist when local adoptions have been completed and shall be
20 replaced by another local textbook committee appointed in the same
21 manner as provided for in this section.

22 D. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection E of this
23 section, on or before a date to be fixed by the State Board of
24 Education, the superintendent of each school district shall submit
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1 to the State Board of Education a textbook plan outlining the
2 estimated number of textbooks needed by the school district and the
3 total amount of money to be expended by the district for textbooks
4 including the allocated funds and any additional supplemental funds
5 to be expended. The superintendent or textbook coordinator
6 appointed by the superintendent, shall place orders from the proper
7 depository or depositories for all of the textbooks needed as
8 outlined in the textbook plan by the district for the ensuing year.
9 The superintendent of a school district or textbook coordinator may
10 order any textbooks placed on the official multiple textbook list.
11 If the order exceeds the allocation for each school district as
12 provided in Section 16-114a of this title any additional funds
13 expended shall be reported on the statement of expenditures for the
14 district.

15 E. 1. If a school district makes the election as provided for
16 in subsection B of Section 16-114a of this title, the district shall
17 not be required to appoint a local textbook committee, adopt
18 textbooks, submit a textbook plan, or expend money on the purchase
19 of textbooks during any fiscal year as provided for in this
20 subsection.

21 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease
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SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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