

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1065

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring the State  
8 Superintendent of Public Instruction to present  
9 certain list of school districts to the State Board  
10 of Education; directing the Superintendent and Board  
11 to consider and recommend administrative  
12 consolidation or annexation of listed districts;  
13 mandating special consideration for specified  
14 districts; prescribing notification for designated  
15 districts; establishing a deadline for designated  
16 districts to submit a plan for administrative  
17 consolidation or annexation; requiring Board to  
18 determine plan if none is submitted; setting  
19 implementation deadline for all plans; listing  
20 administrative services to be consolidated or  
21 annexed; mandating funds saved to be retained and  
22 reallocated for instructional expenditures; directing  
23 the Board to promulgate rules; providing for  
24 codification.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-301 of Title 70, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. By September 1, 2018, and every year thereafter, the State  
23 Superintendent of Public Instruction shall present to the State  
24 Board of Education a list of every public school district in the

1 state with an annual daily membership of less than one thousand  
2 (1,000) students.

3 B. The Superintendent and State Board shall consider and make  
4 recommendations for administrative consolidation or annexation of  
5 school districts described in subsection A of this section. The  
6 Superintendent and State Board shall especially consider  
7 administrative consolidation or annexation for those school  
8 districts that spend less than two-thirds (2/3) of their budget on  
9 instructional expenditures. The Superintendent and State Board  
10 shall notify school districts that are designated for administrative  
11 consolidation or annexation by July 1, 2019.

12 C. No later than January 1, 2020, school districts designated  
13 for administrative consolidation or annexation shall submit a plan  
14 for administrative consolidation or annexation to the Superintendent  
15 and State Board. If a plan is not submitted by the school district,  
16 the State Board shall determine a plan for administrative  
17 consolidation or annexation, and all plans shall be implemented  
18 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

19 D. The following administrative services shall be consolidated  
20 or annexed including but not limited to: functions of the school  
21 district superintendent, budgeting for schools, facility  
22 maintenance, equipment, nutrition programs, curriculum and  
23 instruction, textbooks, professional development resources, payroll,  
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1 legal, human resources, federal programs, purchasing, technology,  
2 federal and state reporting and bonding and infrastructure.

3 E. Funds saved as a result of administrative consolidation or  
4 annexation shall be retained by the school district and reallocated  
5 for instructional expenditures.

6 F. The State Board shall promulgate rules to implement the  
7 provisions of this section.

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