

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1236

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring school
8 districts to submit certain report by certain date;
9 providing for certain construction; requiring State
10 Board of Education to promulgate rules to reward
11 school districts that implement administrative co-op
12 plans; requiring State Department of Education to
13 implement certain procedure; providing that certain
14 percentage of funds be made available to school
15 districts for certain purpose; providing that certain
16 school districts may apply to Department to
17 participate in certain program; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-207 of Title 70, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. By December 1, 2017, all school districts in this state
24 shall submit a report to the State Department of Education which
identifies any possible cost-sharing administrative co-ops that
could be implanted with their neighboring school districts. While
the report may identify any potential savings, at a minimum, the
report shall identify potential savings through the use of

1 administrative co-ops or other cost-sharing agreements in the areas
2 of personnel, licensing, professional and overhead/transportation
3 costs through an administrative unification of multiple districts.

4 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
5 school to be closed or for any school district to be dissolved or be
6 required to consolidate.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-208 of Title 70, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
11 create rewards for school districts that implement administrative
12 co-op plans. This program shall be known and may be cited as the
13 "School Administrative Costs Co-op Rewards Program Act of 2017".

14 B. The State Department of Education shall implement a
15 procedure to verify savings reported by school districts.

16 C. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount of saved
17 funds shall be made available for pay increases for teachers and
18 other school personnel at the schools participating in the School
19 Administrative Costs Co-op Rewards Program Act of 2017. Such funds
20 shall pass outside the state funding formula and shall not be
21 deducted in any way from appropriations the school district would
22 have otherwise received.

23 D. If a school district has already implemented a similar co-op
24 agreement among multiple communities or school systems, it may apply

1 to the Department to participate in a "Good Stewardship Bonus Pool
2 Program", which shall be funded from the remaining twenty-five
3 percent (25%) of the savings identified by the school districts
4 participating in the School Administrative Costs Co-Op Rewards
5 Program Act of 2017.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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