

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1199

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Caldwell of the House

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6 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
7 Section 5-135.4, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
8 133, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 5-
9 135.4), which relates to the School District
10 Transparency Act; modifying the type of data to be
11 made available on certain website; requiring a school
12 district to provide on its website certain link to
13 certain website or provide certain financial
14 information on its website prior to certain school
15 year; directing the State Department of Education to
16 undertake certain activities to inform the public
17 about the availability of certain information on its
18 website; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-135.4, as
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017,
22 Section 5-135.4), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 5-135.4. A. This section shall be known and may be
24 cited as the "School District Transparency Act".

B. By January 30, 2011, the State Department of Education shall
make school district and school site 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

1 user to systematically sort, search, and access all data without any
2 fee or charge for access. Prior to the beginning of the 2019-2020
3 school year, if a school district has a website, the district shall
4 provide a link on its home page to the State Department of
5 Education's Oklahoma Cost Accounting System and School District
6 Financial Information website, or the district shall provide the
7 information required by subsection C of this section within one
8 click of the home page of the school district's website.

9 C. The ~~database~~ website shall provide information on school
10 district and school site expenditures of state, federal, and local
11 funds, whether appropriated or nonappropriated, excluding payments
12 of voluntary payroll deductions for employees to receiving parties.
13 The ~~database~~ website shall further provide information, including,
14 but not limited to, the following:

- 15 1. Identification of the school district;
- 16 2. The Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) code designation
17 for each expenditure;
- 18 3. The name and principal location of the entity or recipient
19 of the funds, excluding release of information relating to an
20 individual's place of residence and release of information
21 prohibited by subsection D of Section 24A.7 of Title 51 of the
22 Oklahoma Statutes or by federal law relating to privacy rights;
- 23 4. The amount of funds expended;
- 24 5. The type of transaction;

1 6. A descriptive purpose of the funding action or expenditure;

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

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

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

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

13 F. If a school district maintains a website, the district shall
14 provide the information required in subsection C of this section in
15 the manner prescribed in subsection B of this section on the
16 district website.

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

20 H. The disclosure of information required by this section shall
21 create no liability whatsoever, civil or criminal, to the State of
22 Oklahoma, the State Department of Education, school districts, or
23 any employee thereof for disclosure of required information or for
24 any error or omission in the disclosure.

1 I. The Department shall undertake activities annually to inform
2 parents, schools and other stakeholders about the availability of
3 school district and school site expenditure data on its website and
4 how to use the website.

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

6 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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10 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
11 2018.

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