

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE BILL 1894

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 5-106, which relates to superintendent  
9 contracts; updating statutory language; requiring  
10 certain boards of education to issue a request for  
11 proposals prior to entering into certain contract;  
12 requiring a board to publicly disclose certain names  
13 prior to entering into certain written contract;  
14 updating statutory reference; removing certain  
15 limitation on superintendent simultaneously serving  
16 in certain role; providing an effective date; and  
17 declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-106, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 5-106. A. The governing board of each school district  
22 in ~~Oklahoma~~ this state is hereby designated and shall hereafter be  
23 known as the board of education of such district. Except as  
24 otherwise provided in this section, the superintendent of schools  
appointed and employed by the board shall be the executive officer  
of the board and shall perform duties as the board directs.

25 B. The board of education of a school district that chooses to  
use the superintendent search services of an organization or vendor

1 shall issue a request for proposals prior to entering into a  
2 contract for such services.

3 C. Prior to entering into a written contract with a  
4 superintendent, the board shall publicly disclose the names of the  
5 final three candidates being considered for the position. If the  
6 final number of candidates is fewer than three, the board shall  
7 publicly disclose the names of the candidate(s).

8 D. The board may contract with a superintendent for a term as  
9 mutually agreed upon but not to exceed three (3) years beyond the  
10 fiscal year in which the contract is approved by the board and  
11 accepted by the superintendent. The contract shall include all  
12 other terms and conditions as agreed upon in writing by the board  
13 and the superintendent.

14 ~~E.~~ E. The boards of two or more school districts may contract  
15 with one superintendent to serve as superintendent of the school  
16 districts as provided in ~~Section 4~~ Section 5-106A of this ~~act~~ title.

17 ~~D.~~ F. No board of a school district ~~having average daily~~  
18 ~~membership (ADM) of fewer than five hundred (500) pupils~~ shall be  
19 prohibited from allowing a superintendent to serve simultaneously as  
20 a principal.

21 ~~E.~~ G. The chief executive officer of the board of education of  
22 a district in which a public developmental research school is  
23 established shall be the director of the school appointed as  
24 provided in Section 1210.577 of this title.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
3 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
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