

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 920

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring the  
8 administrative services of school districts that meet  
9 certain criteria to be combined; directing the State  
10 Board of Education to make certain notification;  
11 requiring the Board to take certain action; requiring  
12 administrative services to be combined by certain  
13 date; requiring agreements between school districts  
14 to address certain items; authorizing receipt of  
15 certain funds; providing certain definition;  
16 providing for promulgation of rules; providing for  
17 codification; providing an effective date; and  
18 declaring an emergency.

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. The administrative services of an independent or dependent  
24 school district that had an average daily membership of less than  
two hundred (200) during the 2017-2018 school year, shall be  
combined with a contiguous school district or districts pursuant to  
the provisions of this section.

1 B. 1. By September 1, 2018, the State Board of Education shall  
2 notify school districts that meet the criteria established in  
3 subsection A of this section. The State Board of Education shall  
4 take action necessary to assist school districts that meet the  
5 criteria established in subsection A of this section to reach an  
6 agreement on combining the administrative services of the school  
7 district with one or more contiguous school districts. If any  
8 school districts cannot reach an agreement by June 30, 2019, the  
9 Board shall formulate an agreement between the districts outlining  
10 how the administrative services will be shared and how the costs  
11 will be allocated.

12 2. The combining of administrative services of school districts  
13 required by paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be complete  
14 effective July 1, 2020.

15 C. Any agreement for sharing administrative services shall  
16 address the division of the following:

- 17 1. Time of each employee;
- 18 2. Payment of benefits of each employee;
- 19 3. Contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma  
20 for each employee;
- 21 4. How each employee will be counted for calculating certain  
22 weights for purposes of the State Aid Formula as provided for in  
23 Section 18-201.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and  
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1           5. Payment of any employees who are employed on a continuing  
2 multi-year contract at the time administrative services are  
3 combined.

4           D. School districts which meet the criteria established in  
5 subsection A of this section and enter into a mutual contract with a  
6 superintendent as authorized pursuant to Section 5-106A of Title 70  
7 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be authorized to receive funds from  
8 the School Consolidation Assistance Fund as provided for in Section  
9 7-203 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10          E. For the purposes of this section, "administrative services"  
11 shall mean the duties of any employee of a school district employed  
12 as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, director, coordinator  
13 or supervisor and the duties of any employee who has responsibility  
14 for administrative functions of a school district, including but not  
15 limited to human resources, purchasing, accounting and information  
16 technology. "Administrative services" shall not mean the duties of  
17 principals or assistant principals.

18          F. The Board shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the  
19 provisions of this section.

20          SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

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

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