

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1323

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to education; amending Section 1,
8 Chapter 191, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section
9 1-124), which relates to per-pupil expenditures;
10 mandating state per-pupil expenditure to meet or
11 exceed the regional average per-pupil expenditure;
12 specifying calculation to determine regional average;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 191, O.S.L.
17 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-124), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 1-124. A. Unless otherwise specifically defined, "per-
20 pupil expenditure" shall mean the aggregate current expenditures of
21 school districts, from all funding sources including federal funds,
22 state funds and local funds, plus the direct support aggregate
23 current expenditures of the state for the day-to-day operations of
24 schools and school districts from all funding sources including
federal funds, divided by the aggregate student membership number

1 for the same fiscal year for which the expenditures are determined.
2 The aggregate student membership number shall be the count of
3 students enrolled on October 1 or the school day closest to October
4 1 to whom school districts in the state provide a public education.
5 The aggregate current expenditures shall include without limitation
6 the following categories of expenditures:

- 7 1. Instruction;
- 8 2. Support services for students;
- 9 3. Support services for instructional staff;
- 10 4. Support services for general administration;
- 11 5. Support services for school administration;
- 12 6. Support services for business;
- 13 7. Operation and maintenance of plant services;
- 14 8. Student transportation services;
- 15 9. Child nutrition services; and
- 16 10. Enterprise services.

17 B. Aggregate current expenditures shall not include
18 expenditures for adult and community education, facilities
19 acquisition and construction services, debt services, property and
20 other expenditures not related to the day-to-day operations.

21 C. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall apply
22 when related to the expenditure of public funds by educational and
23 governmental entities. When reporting or publishing the per-pupil
24 expenditure for any purpose, the State Department of Education shall

1 also report or publish each category of expenditure as listed in
2 subsection A of this section as well as the aggregate expenditure.

3 D. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the state per-
4 pupil expenditure shall meet or exceed the regional average per-
5 pupil expenditure. For purposes of this subsection, the regional
6 average per-pupil expenditure shall be calculated using an average
7 of the per-pupil expenditure of each of the six states that border
8 Oklahoma as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics
9 in its most recent Revenues and Expenditures for Public Elementary
10 and Secondary Education report.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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