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Bill Analysis

SB 329 modifies the powers and duties of the State Board of Education by directing the Board to be the "state education agency" in the event such designation is required by federal law to make federal funds available for education purposes. The measure clarifies that nothing shall prevent a school district board of education or any education agency of the state from making direct application for federal funds when permitted by federal law. The measure specifically allows a school district board of education to make direct application for and receive federal funds for the education of exceptional children. It directs school districts to report financial transactions for federal funds using the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System. It directs the State Department of Education to review school district audit reports and notify the appropriate federal program administrator of any deficiencies reported, and it directs the final result of any related action to be filed with the audit report.

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