

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 1. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUBCHAPTER 3. DEPARTMENTAL PRECEPTS

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The proposed amendments to the rule governing annexation and consolidation of school districts clarifies the scenarios under which the State Board of Education may consider mandatory annexation. New language states that annexation may be considered when a school district does not have sufficient funds to maintain its schools through the completion of the current school year. The current rule explicitly provides for consideration of mandatory annexation when a district does not have sufficient funds to commence the next school year, but does not make it clear that this also applies when a district cannot maintain school for the current academic year. The other situation added for consideration of mandatory annexation is when an audit conducted under the Oklahoma Public School Audit Law reveals evidence of financial mismanagement within the school district.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will affect school districts, and students in districts that have significant financial problems.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will benefit students in districts that have significant financial problems.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** February 5, 2016