

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

**TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 35. STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE
LEVEL, SECONDARY, AND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS
SUBCHAPTER 7. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOLS
SUBCHAPTER 9. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
PART 9. STANDARD V: THE SCHOOL STAFF**

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed amendments to the pupil/professional staff ratio rules provide that a teacher and school district may agree in writing to waive the minimum weekly teacher planning time established by the rules, as long as the teacher is compensated with a stipend. School districts must currently request exceptions to the minimum weekly planning time through the deregulation process, which requires applying directly to the State Board of Education. Providing for the mutually agreed exception directly in the rules will reduce the administrative burden on school districts and the State Board, as well as the State Department of Education offices that process deregulation applications.
- 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 teachers who choose to forgo weekly planning time in exchange for a stipend.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit school districts and teachers who choose to forgo weekly planning time in exchange for a stipend.
- 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:** December 7, 2015