

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 148

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; amending
8 Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended
9 by Section 1, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp.
10 2018, Section 3-145.3), which relates to the powers
11 and duties of the Statewide Virtual Charter School
Board; directing the transfer of certain students to
be subject to certain provisions beginning with
certain school year; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L.
16 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2015 (70
17 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-145.3), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 3-145.3. A. Subject to the requirements of the
19 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, the Statewide Virtual Charter School
20 Board shall:

21 1. Provide oversight of the operations of statewide virtual
22 charter schools in this state;

23 2. Establish a procedure for accepting, approving and
24 disapproving statewide virtual charter school applications and a
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1 process for renewal or revocation of approved charter school
2 contracts which minimally meet the procedures set forth in the
3 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;

4 3. Make publicly available a list of supplemental online
5 courses which have been reviewed and certified by the Statewide
6 Virtual Charter School Board to ensure that the courses are high
7 quality options and are aligned with the subject matter standards
8 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 11-103.6
9 of this title. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall
10 give special emphasis on listing supplemental online courses in
11 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), foreign language
12 and advanced placement courses. School districts shall not be
13 limited to selecting supplemental online courses that have been
14 reviewed and certified by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
15 and listed as provided for in this paragraph; and

16 4. In conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise
17 Services, negotiate and enter into contracts with supplemental
18 online course providers to offer a state rate price to school
19 districts for supplemental online courses that have been reviewed
20 and certified by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and
21 listed as provided for in paragraph 3 of this subsection.

22 B. Each statewide virtual charter school which has been
23 approved and sponsored by the Board or any virtual charter school
24 for which the Board has assumed sponsorship of as provided for in

1 Section 3-145.5 of this title shall be considered a statewide
2 virtual charter school and the geographic boundaries of each
3 statewide virtual charter school shall be the borders of the state.

4 C. Each statewide virtual charter school approved by the
5 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall be eligible to receive
6 federal funds generated by students enrolled in the charter school
7 for the applicable year. Each statewide virtual charter school
8 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
9 of reporting and accountability.

10 D. As calculated as provided for in Section 3-142 of this
11 title, a statewide virtual charter school shall receive the State
12 Aid allocation and any other state-appropriated revenue generated by
13 students enrolled in the virtual charter school for the applicable
14 year, less up to five percent (5%) of the State Aid allocation,
15 which may be retained by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
16 for administrative expenses and to support the mission of the Board.
17 A statewide virtual charter school shall be eligible for any other
18 funding any other charter school is eligible for as provided for in
19 Section 3-142 of this title. Each statewide virtual charter school
20 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
21 of reporting and accountability.

22 E. Students enrolled full-time in a statewide virtual charter
23 school sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall
24 not be authorized to participate in any activities administered by

1 the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. However, the
2 students may participate in intramural activities sponsored by a
3 statewide virtual charter school, an online provider for the charter
4 school or any other outside organization.

5 F. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the transfer of
6 students into and out of a statewide virtual charter school shall be
7 subject to the provisions of Section 8-103 of this title.

8 The decision of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board to
9 deny, nonrenew or terminate the charter contract of a statewide
10 virtual charter school may be appealed to the State Board of
11 Education within thirty (30) days of the decision by the Statewide
12 Virtual Charter School Board. The State Board of Education shall
13 act on the appeal within sixty (60) days of receipt of the request
14 from the statewide virtual charter school applicant. The State
15 Board of Education may reverse the decision of the Statewide Virtual
16 Charter School Board or may remand the matter back to the Statewide
17 Virtual Charter School Board for further proceeding as directed.

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

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

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