

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 110

By: Weaver of the Senate

and

6 Lowe (Dick) of the House

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11 An Act relating to career and technology education;
12 amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 14-108, which relates
13 to technology center school district governing
14 boards; directing the State Board of Career and
15 Technology Education to divide districts with a
16 certain number of electors into board zones;
17 providing for selection of board members after
18 certain date; providing for filling of vacancy if
19 certain member is no longer a resident of certain
20 zone; providing for promulgation of rules; and
21 providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 14-108, is
24 amended to read as follows:

Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology
Education shall prescribe criteria and procedures for the
establishment and governance of technology center school districts,

1 as provided by Section 9B~~7~~ of Article X~~7~~ of the Oklahoma
2 Constitution, and such districts so established shall be operated in
3 accordance with rules of the State Board of Career and Technology
4 Education, except as otherwise provided in this title.

5 B. A technology center school district shall be a body
6 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for
7 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State
8 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue
9 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted
10 with, and holding real and personal estate.

11 C. The governing board of a technology center school district
12 shall be a board of education consisting of not less than five (5)
13 nor more than seven (7) members. Except as otherwise provided for
14 in ~~subsection~~ subsections D and E of this section, all members of
15 the board of education shall be elected in a manner prescribed by
16 the State Board of Career and Technology Education. The State Board
17 shall promulgate rules prescribing the manner in which the elections
18 required by this subsection are held.

19 D. In a technology center school district that serves seventy
20 or more public school districts, the territory of the school
21 district shall be divided into district zones by the State Board of
22 Career and Technology Education. Between August 1 and December 31
23 of the year following the submission by the United States Department
24 of Commerce to the President of the United States of the official

1 Federal Decennial Census, the Board shall reapportion the territory
2 of the technology center school district into district zones. All
3 boundaries of district zones shall follow clearly visible,
4 definable, and observable physical boundaries which are based upon
5 criteria established and recognized by the Bureau of the Census of
6 the United States Department of Commerce for purposes of defining
7 census blocks for its decennial census and shall follow, as much as
8 possible, precinct boundaries. District zones shall be compact,
9 contiguous and shall be as equal in population as practical with not
10 more than a five-percent variance between the most populous and
11 least populous district zones. The board of education of a
12 technology center school district shall consist of one member
13 elected from each of the district zones of the school district
14 created pursuant to this subsection. The electors of each district
15 zone shall elect a person, who is a resident of the district zone,
16 to represent the district zone on the school board. If during the
17 term of office to which a person was elected, that member ceases to
18 be a resident of the district zone for which the person was elected,
19 the office shall become vacant and the vacancy shall be filled as
20 provided in Section 13A-110 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
21 The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate
22 rules prescribing the manner in which the elections required by this
23 subsection are held.

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1 E. In technology center school districts having a population of
2 more than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) electors, the
3 territory of the district shall be divided into board zones by the
4 State Board of Career and Technology Education. The board of
5 education of the technology center school district shall consist of
6 one member elected from each of the district zones. Beginning July
7 1, 2024, the board of education shall have the option upon approval
8 of a board resolution, of requiring that the electors of each
9 district zone shall elect a person who is a resident of the district
10 zone to represent the district zone on the school board and to not
11 elect all board members at large, or the community continues to vote
12 for the board members at large. If during the term of office to
13 which a person was elected, that member ceases to be a resident of
14 the district zone for which the person was elected, the office shall
15 become vacant, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided for in
16 Section 13A-110 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The State
17 Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate rules
18 prescribing the manner in which the elections required by this
19 subsection are held.

20 F. The board of education of a technology center school
21 district shall have the same powers and duties that boards of
22 education of independent school districts have. It may require
23 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be
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1 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district
2 in which the student resides.

3 ~~F.~~ G. An election to vote on the question of making a levy of
4 not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
5 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
6 of subsection A of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma
7 Constitution, shall be called by the board of education and
8 conducted by the county election board of such district in the same
9 manner that elections for emergency levies in school districts under
10 the provisions of subsection (d) of Section 9(d) of Article X of
11 the Oklahoma Constitution, are called and conducted. When such levy
12 is approved by a majority of the electors of the technology center
13 school district voting on the question at such election, the levy
14 shall be made each fiscal year thereafter until repealed by a
15 majority of the electors of the district voting on the question at
16 an election called for such purpose. An election to vote on the
17 question of making a local incentive levy of not to exceed five (5)
18 mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable property in a
19 technology center school district under the provisions of subsection
20 B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, may be
21 called by the board of education; and elections on a levy for a
22 building fund for an area school district under the provisions of
23 Section 10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, shall be
24 called by the board of education of such district and conducted by

1 the county election board in the same manner that elections for
2 similar levies are called and conducted in independent school
3 districts.

4 ~~G.~~ H. Annual estimates of needs of technology center school
5 districts shall be made and approved in the same manner that those
6 of independent school districts are made and approved. Provided,
7 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
8 prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of
9 technology center school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for
10 and expended. Any such estimate of needs may include an estimate of
11 federal funds as probable income from sources other than ad valorem
12 tax of the district and other than any excise or other tax assessed
13 by legislative enactment and distributed in lieu of ad valorem
14 taxes. If a technology center school district lies in more than one
15 county, the district's estimate of needs shall be filed with and
16 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the
17 school district board of education.

18 ~~H.~~ I. Territory may be annexed to or detached from a technology
19 center school district, in accordance with rules prescribed by the
20 State Board of Career and Technology Education. If the State Board
21 of Career and Technology Education requires the submission of a
22 petition in order for an election to be called for the purpose of
23 annexation or deannexation of territory to a technology center
24 school district, such petition shall not be required to bear a

1 number of technology center school district electors' signatures
2 which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of technology center
3 school district electors who voted in the last school board election
4 in the territory proposed to be annexed or deannexed. Provided, the
5 period of time from which the petition is initiated to its time of
6 filing with the State Board shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

7 ~~I.~~ J. Schools of technology center school districts shall be
8 subject to classification, inspection, and accreditation by the
9 State Board of Education.

10 ~~J.~~ K. The technology center school board of education may
11 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school
12 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

13 ~~K.~~ L. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology
14 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,
15 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon
16 employment including credit for years of service in the previous
17 school district by the technology center school district, if the
18 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an
19 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly
20 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is
21 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of
22 the school district.

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1 ~~L.~~ M. The board of education of a technology center school
2 district may convey surplus personal property without consideration
3 to:

- 4 1. A school district that is within the boundary of the
5 technology center school district;
- 6 2. A public school offering secondary level education which was
7 created and is operated by ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state and that
8 is within the boundary of the technology center school district;
- 9 3. A technology center school district; or
- 10 4. The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
11 for the support or delivery of department initiatives.

12 ~~M.~~ N. The board of education of a technology center school
13 district may, without prior approval of the State Board of Career
14 and Technology Education, approve all plans and specifications for
15 technology center school buildings, additions, and major
16 modifications to school buildings that are designed to provide for
17 the offering of vocational-technical education programs and services
18 when the cost of the building project is to be paid with local
19 levies or state bond monies or both local levies and state bond
20 monies.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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