

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2325

By: Matlock

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An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Department of Education to study and make available certain information on exchange visitor programs; requiring school districts to provide such information to certain persons; requiring school districts to conform to certain guidelines and regulations; authorizing school boards to accept or reject certain exchange students under certain conditions; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-114.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Pursuant to nationally recognized exchange visitor programs, the State Department of Education shall study and provide access to any information available including, but not limited to, the regulations of such exchange visitor program to any school district in this state. Such information shall be made available to sponsors, host families and students involved in such programs by the participating school district. The State Board of Education shall support the use of the United States Information Agency guidelines and standards for local schools.

B. Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, school districts shall:

1. Only have to accept exchange students on J-1 visas which hold the sponsoring organization responsible;

2. Not have to accept exchange students on M-1 visas which are for vocational or nonacademic students or F-1 visas which hold the school responsible;

3. Only accept students from nationally and state recognized organizations meeting full provisions of the Council on Standards for International and Educational Travel (CSIET);

4. Use the governing regulations set by the United States Information Agency (USIA) for Exchange Visitor Programs as guidelines and standards for local schools; and

5. Have the right to accept or reject any exchange student or sponsoring organization not adhering to the USIA regulations.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

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

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