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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Monday, February 24, 2003**

**Senate Bill No. 289**

SENATE BILL NO. 289 - By: RILEY of the Senate and GREENWOOD of the House.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-111, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 453, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1-111), which relates to the school day; removing authorization for school day for first grade to consist of less than six hours; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-111, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 453, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1-111), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-111. A. A school day shall consist of not less than six (6) hours devoted to school activities, except that a school day for nursery, early childhood education, kindergarten, ~~first grade,~~ extended day program, and alternative education programs shall be as otherwise defined by law or as defined by the State Board of Education. Except for schools operating under an extended day schedule as provided for in Section 1-109 of this title, not more than one (1) school day shall be counted for attendance purposes in any twenty-four-hour period.

B. Students absent from school in which they are regularly enrolled may be considered as being in attendance if the reason for

(Bold face denotes Committee Amendments)

1 such absence is to participate in scheduled school activities under  
2 the direction and supervision of a regular member of the faculty or  
3 to participate in a remote internet-based course approved by the  
4 district board of education. The State Board of Education shall  
5 adopt rules to provide for the implementation of remote Internet-  
6 based courses.

7 C. Each district board of education shall adopt policies and  
8 procedures that conform to rules for Internet-based courses as  
9 adopted by the State Board. Such policies shall include criteria  
10 for approval of the course, the appropriateness of the course for a  
11 particular student, and authorization for full-time students to  
12 enroll in Internet-based courses. Districts shall require students  
13 enrolled in Internet-based courses to participate in the Oklahoma  
14 School Testing Program Act. Students participating in Internet-  
15 based courses from a remote site will be responsible for providing  
16 their own equipment and Internet access, unless the district chooses  
17 to provide the equipment. Credit may not be granted for such  
18 courses except upon approval of the State Board of Education and the  
19 district board of education.

20 D. The school day for kindergarten may consist of six (6) hours  
21 devoted to school activities.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-10-03 - DO  
6 PASS, As Coauthored.