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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2524

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An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board of Education to enter into contracts for Internet-based courses; stating criteria for private providers; providing for arrangements with school districts and enrollment; requiring the Board to make certain notification; requiring the Board to monitor use of Internet-based courses for alternative education students; directing the Board to promulgate rules; amending Section 2, Chapter 430, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 3-160), which relates to the state student record system; providing for updated versions of required standards and compliance capabilities; deleting certain specific specification reference; 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 1-111.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education is hereby directed to enter into contracts with private providers of Internet-based courses for distribution to students in the state. The private provider shall be located or based in Oklahoma and shall provide real-time student assistance from a certified teacher. The courses shall be offered through a school district which agrees to participate. The students enrolled in the Internet-based courses shall be considered enrolled in the participating school district and the district shall count the students in their average daily membership.

B. The Board shall notify schools and take steps to inform students and parents about the Internet-based courses and how students can enroll in the courses.

C. The Board shall monitor the use of Internet-based courses in one or more school districts to determine the prevalence of use of Internet-based courses for alternative education programs and the success of alternative education students enrolled in the courses.

D. The Board shall promulgate rules for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 430, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 3-160), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-160. A. In developing and implementing a state student record system, as required in Subsection E of Section 18-200.1 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, and as needed to comply with the tracking and reporting requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (ESEA), P.L. No. 107-110, also known as the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001", the State Department of Education shall construct the system to contain the following elements and comply with the following standards and compliance capabilities:

1. Extensible Markup Language (XML), or any updated version of the language, which defines common data formats used during communication between disparate systems;

2. Web services protocol developed by the World Wide Web Consortium, or any updated versions of the protocol, which enables systems that are physically separated but connected to the Internet to be combined to permit complex operations;

3. Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) ~~version 1.5~~ specifications, or any updated or new versions of the specifications, which enable school district software management systems to communicate with each other. The student record system

shall include, but not be limited to, the specifications for course identifiers, state standard formatting, content formatting, and assessment formatting specification;

4. United States Department of Education Performance-Based Data Management Initiative (PBDMI) data exchange guidelines with data elements capable of providing reporting on federal educational programs, or any updated versions of the guidelines; and

5. Defined state data codes to ensure consistent reporting from school districts including, but not limited to, data codes for course identifiers, entries, gains, and losses. Current data codes for teacher certification and the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System shall be extended to match other defined data codes.

B. By the 2005-2006 school year, any student information system and any instructional management system used by school districts in the state shall comply with the Extensible Markup Language (XML) standards and the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) ~~version 1.5~~ specifications, or any new or updated versions of the standards or specifications.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. 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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