

By: Monson of the Senate
and
Shelton of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-143, which relates to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; requiring Office of Accountability to issue annual report on charter schools; specifying analysis to be conducted; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-143, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-143. A. The State Board of Education shall issue an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor outlining the status of charter schools in the state.

B. Each charter school shall annually file a report with the Office of Accountability. The report shall include such information as is requested by the Office of Accountability, including but not limited to information on enrollment, testing, curriculum, finances and employees.

C. Beginning January 1, 2006, and each year thereafter, the Office of Accountability shall issue an annual report on charter schools. The report shall include a comparative analysis of charter schools to public schools in this state with similar demographic and socioeconomic factors. The analysis shall include, but not be limited to: student test scores, graduation rates, dropout rates, ACT scores, school finances, and any other information the Office of Accountability deems useful.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2005.

Passed the Senate the 15th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2005.

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of Representatives