

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1669

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
9 Section 3-132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 257,
10 O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 3-132),
11 which relates to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;
12 authorizing sponsorship of charter schools by
13 federally recognized Indian tribes; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-132, as
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007,
18 Section 3-132), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 3-132. A. The Oklahoma Charter Schools Act shall apply
20 only to charter schools formed and operated under the provisions of
21 the act. Charter schools shall be sponsored only as follows:

22 1. By a school district with an average daily membership of
23 five thousand (5,000) or more and which all or part of the school
24 district is located in a county having more than five hundred

1 thousand (500,000) population according to the latest Federal
2 Decennial Census;

3 2. By a technology center school district only when the charter
4 school is located in a school district served by the technology
5 center school district and only if the local school district has an
6 average daily membership of five thousand (5,000) or more and which
7 all or part of the school district is located in a county having
8 more than five hundred thousand (500,000) population according to
9 the latest Federal Decennial Census; ~~or~~

10 3. By a comprehensive or regional institution that is a member
11 of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education only when the
12 charter school is located in a school district that has an average
13 daily membership of five thousand (5,000) or more and which all or
14 part of the school district is located in a county having more than
15 five hundred thousand (500,000) population according to the latest
16 Federal Decennial Census. In addition, the institution shall have a
17 teacher education program accredited by the Oklahoma Commission for
18 Teacher Preparation and have a branch campus or constituent agency
19 physically located within the school district in which the charter
20 school is located; or

21 4. By a federally recognized Indian tribe.

22 B. Charter schools formed pursuant to the act shall serve as a
23 pilot program to demonstrate the potential of expanding charter
24 schools to other parts of the state. Any charter or enterprise

1 school operating in the state pursuant to an agreement with the
2 board of education of a school district on July 1, 1999, may
3 continue to operate pursuant to that agreement or may contract with
4 the board of education of the school district pursuant to the
5 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. Nothing in the Oklahoma Charter
6 Schools Act shall prohibit a school district from applying for
7 exemptions from certain education-related statutory requirements as
8 provided for in the Educational Deregulation Act.

9 C. Beginning January 1, 2008, not more than three new charter
10 schools shall be established each fiscal year in each county in the
11 state having more than five hundred thousand (500,000) population
12 according to the latest Federal Decennial Census. For purposes of
13 this subsection, a "new charter school" shall mean a charter school
14 proposed by an applicant that has never had a contract with a
15 sponsor.

16 D. For purposes of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, "charter
17 school" means a public school established by contract with a board
18 of education of a school district, an area vocational-technical
19 school district, or a higher education institution pursuant to the
20 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act to provide learning that will improve
21 student achievement and as defined in the Elementary and Secondary
22 Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 8065.

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1 E. A charter school may consist of a new school site, new
2 school sites or all or any portion of an existing school site. An
3 entire school district may not become a charter school site.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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