

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 257

By: Corn of the Senate

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8 (career and technology education - technology center
9 school districts - effective date -
10 emergency)

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14 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and
entire bill and insert

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16 "An Act relating to career and technology education;
amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as last
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70
O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 14-108), which relates to
18 technology center school districts; modifying
authorization to convey personal property to surplus
19 personal property; authorizing transfer of surplus
personal property by a technology center school
20 district to another district or to the Oklahoma
Department of Career and Technology Education for
21 certain purpose; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.
3 2008, Section 14-108), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology
5 Education shall prescribe criteria and procedures for the
6 establishment and governance of technology center school districts,
7 as provided by Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and
8 such districts so established shall be operated in accordance with
9 rules of the State Board of Career and Technology Education, except
10 as otherwise provided in this title.

11 B. A technology center school district shall be a body
12 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for
13 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State
14 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue
15 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted
16 with, and holding real and personal estate. Its governing board
17 shall be a board of education consisting of not less than five (5)
18 nor more than seven (7) members elected in a manner prescribed by
19 the State Board of Career and Technology Education. Such board of
20 education shall have the same powers and duties that boards of
21 education of independent school districts have. It may require
22 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be
23 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district
24 in which the student resides.

1 C. An election to vote on the question of making a levy of not
2 to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
3 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
4 of subsection A, Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall
5 be called by the board of education and conducted by the county
6 election board of such district in the same manner that elections
7 for emergency levies in school districts under the provisions of
8 Section 9(d), Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, are called and
9 conducted. When such levy is approved by a majority of the electors
10 of the technology center school district voting on the question at
11 such election, the levy shall be made each fiscal year thereafter
12 until repealed by a majority of the electors of the district voting
13 on the question at an election called for such purpose. An election
14 to vote on the question of making a local incentive levy of not to
15 exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
16 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
17 of subsection B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma
18 Constitution, may be called by the board of education; and elections
19 on a levy for a building fund for an area school district under the
20 provisions of Section 10, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall be
21 called by the board of education of such district and conducted by
22 the county election board in the same manner that elections for
23 similar levies are called and conducted in independent school
24 districts.

1 D. Annual estimates of needs of technology center school
2 districts shall be made and approved in the same manner that those
3 of independent school districts are made and approved. Provided,
4 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
5 prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of
6 technology center school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for
7 and expended. Any such estimate of needs may include an estimate of
8 federal funds as probable income from sources other than ad valorem
9 tax of the district and other than any excise or other tax assessed
10 by legislative enactment and distributed in lieu of ad valorem
11 taxes. If a technology center school district lies in more than one
12 county, the district's estimate of needs shall be filed with and
13 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the
14 school district board of education.

15 E. Territory may be annexed to or detached from a technology
16 center school district, in accordance with rules prescribed by the
17 State Board of Career and Technology Education. If the State Board
18 of Career and Technology Education requires the submission of a
19 petition in order for an election to be called for the purpose of
20 annexation or deannexation of territory to a technology center
21 school district, such petition shall not be required to bear a
22 number of technology center school district electors' signatures
23 which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of technology center
24 school district electors who voted in the last school board election

1 in the territory proposed to be annexed or deannexed. Provided, the
2 period of time from which the petition is initiated to its time of
3 filing with the State Board shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

4 F. Schools of technology center school districts shall be
5 subject to classification, inspection and accreditation by the State
6 Board of Education.

7 G. The technology center school board of education may
8 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school
9 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

10 H. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology
11 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,
12 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon
13 employment including credit for years of service in the previous
14 school district by the technology center school district, if the
15 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an
16 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly
17 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is
18 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of
19 the school district.

20 I. The board of education of a technology center school
21 district may convey surplus personal property without consideration
22 to a:

23 1. A school district that is within the boundary of the
24 technology center school district ~~or a~~;

1 2. A public school offering secondary level education which was
2 created and is operated by the State of Oklahoma and that is within
3 the boundary of the technology center school district;

4 3. A technology center school district; or

5 4. The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
6 for the support or delivery of department initiatives.

7 J. The board of education of a technology center school
8 district may, without prior approval of the State Board of Career
9 and Technology Education, approve all plans and specifications for
10 technology center school buildings, additions, and major
11 modifications to school buildings that are designed to provide for
12 the offering of vocational-technical education programs and services
13 when the cost of the building project is to be paid with local
14 levies or state bond monies or both local levies and state bond
15 monies.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 2009.

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