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Committee Substitute for  
ENGROSSED  
Senate Bill No. 275

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 275 - By: CORN of the Senate and RENEGAR AND DENNEY of the House.

( technology center school districts - requiring State Board of Career and Technology Education to promulgate rules - effective date - emergency )

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as last amended by  
2 Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 14-108), is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4 Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall  
5 prescribe criteria and procedures for the establishment and governance of technology  
6 center school districts, as provided by Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and  
7 such districts so established shall be operated in accordance with rules of the State Board  
8 of Career and Technology Education, except as otherwise provided in this title.  
9 B. A technology center school district shall be a body corporate and shall possess  
10 the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes. Its official name shall be  
11 designated by the State Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it

1 may sue and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted with, and  
2 holding real and personal estate.

3 ~~Its~~ C. The governing board of a technology center school district shall be a board of  
4 education consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members. Except as  
5 otherwise provided for in subsection D of this section, all members of the board of  
6 education shall be elected in a manner prescribed by the State Board of Career and  
7 Technology Education ~~Such. The State Board shall promulgate rules prescribing the~~  
8 manner in which the elections required by this subsection are held.

9 D. In a technology center school district that serves seventy or more public school  
10 districts, the territory of the school district shall be divided into district zones by the  
11 State Board of Career and Technology Education. Between August 1 and December 31 of  
12 the year following the submission by the United States Department of Commerce to the  
13 President of the United States of the official Federal Decennial Census, the Board shall  
14 reapportion the territory of the technology center school district into district zones. All  
15 boundaries of district zones shall follow clearly visible, definable, and observable physical  
16 boundaries which are based upon criteria established and recognized by the Bureau of  
17 the Census of the United States Department of Commerce for purposes of defining  
18 census blocks for its decennial census and shall follow, as much as possible, precinct  
19 boundaries. District zones shall be compact, contiguous and shall be as equal in  
20 population as practical with not more than a five-percent variance between the most  
21 populous and least populous district zones. The board of education of a technology center  
22 school district shall consist of one member elected from each of the district zones of the

1 school district created pursuant to this subsection. The electors of each district zone  
2 shall elect a person, who is a resident of the district zone, to represent the district zone  
3 on the school board. If during the term of office to which a person was elected, that  
4 member ceases to be a resident of the district zone for which the person was elected, the  
5 office shall become vacant and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 13A-110  
6 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The State Board of Career and Technology  
7 Education shall promulgate rules prescribing the manner in which the elections required  
8 by this subsection are held.

9 E. The board of education of a technology center school district shall have the same  
10 powers and duties that boards of education of independent school districts have. It may  
11 require nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be paid for a  
12 student by the independent or elementary school district in which the student resides.

13 ~~E. F.~~ An election to vote on the question of making a levy of not to exceed five (5)  
14 mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable property in a technology center school district  
15 under the provisions of subsection A, Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall  
16 be called by the board of education and conducted by the county election board of such  
17 district in the same manner that elections for emergency levies in school districts under  
18 the provisions of Section 9(d), Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, are called and  
19 conducted. When such levy is approved by a majority of the electors of the technology  
20 center school district voting on the question at such election, the levy shall be made each  
21 fiscal year thereafter until repealed by a majority of the electors of the district voting on  
22 the question at an election called for such purpose. An election to vote on the question of

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~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 making a local incentive levy of not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the  
2 taxable property in a technology center school district under the provisions of subsection  
3 B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, may be called by the board of  
4 education; and elections on a levy for a building fund for an area school district under the  
5 provisions of Section 10, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall be called by the board of  
6 education of such district and conducted by the county election board in the same  
7 manner that elections for similar levies are called and conducted in independent school  
8 districts.

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

20 E. H. Territory may be annexed to or detached from a technology center school  
21 district, in accordance with rules prescribed by the State Board of Career and Technology  
22 Education. If the State Board of Career and Technology Education requires the

1 submission of a petition in order for an election to be called for the purpose of annexation  
2 or deannexation of territory to a technology center school district, such petition shall not  
3 be required to bear a number of technology center school district electors' signatures  
4 which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of technology center school district  
5 electors who voted in the last school board election in the territory proposed to be  
6 annexed or deannexed. Provided, the period of time from which the petition is initiated  
7 to its time of filing with the State Board shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

8 ~~F. I.~~ I. Schools of technology center school districts shall be subject to classification,  
9 inspection and accreditation by the State Board of Education.

10 ~~G. J.~~ J. The technology center school board of education may designate a county  
11 treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school district or may appoint an independent  
12 treasurer.

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

20 ~~I. L.~~ L. The board of education of a technology center school district may convey  
21 personal property without consideration to a school district that is within the boundary  
22 of the technology center school district or a public school offering secondary level

1 education which was created and is operated by the State of Oklahoma and that is within  
2 the boundary of the technology center school district.

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

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

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER  
15 TECH, dated 04-08-09 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.