

ESB 2319

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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ENGROSSED  
Senate Bill No. 2319  
As Amended

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2319 - By: STANISLAWSKI of the Senate and  
COODY AND KERN of the House.

[ schools - length of a school day - rule-making authority of the State Board of  
Education - effective date -  
emergency ]

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-111, as last amended by  
2 Section 2, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 1-111), is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Section 1-111. A. Except as otherwise provided for by law, a school day shall  
5 consist of not less than six (6) hours devoted to school activities. A district board of  
6 education may elect to extend the length of one (1) or more school days to more than six  
7 (6) hours and reduce the number of school days as long as the total amount of classroom  
8 instruction time is not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours per year as required  
9 pursuant to Section 1-109 of this title.

10 B. A school day for nursery, early childhood education, kindergarten, and  
11 alternative education programs shall be as otherwise defined by law or as defined by the

1 State Board of Education. Not more than one (1) school day shall be counted for  
2 attendance purposes in any twenty-four-hour period.

3 C. Students absent from school in which they are regularly enrolled may be  
4 considered as being in attendance if the reason for such absence is to participate in  
5 scheduled school activities under the direction and supervision of a regular member of  
6 the faculty or to participate in ~~a remote internet-based~~ an online course approved by the  
7 district board of education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to provide for  
8 the implementation of ~~remote Internet-based~~ online courses which shall include, but not  
9 be limited to, provisions addressing the following:

- 10 1. Criteria for student admissions eligibility;
- 11 2. A student admission process administered through the district of residence,  
12 which provides the ability for the student to enroll in individual courses;
- 13 3. An electronic student transfer system which does not require the student  
14 desiring to transfer to another district for enrollment in an online course to personally  
15 appear in the district to which the transfer is sought;
- 16 4. A process by which students are not denied the opportunity to enroll in  
17 educationally appropriate courses by school districts;
- 18 5. Creation of a system which provides ongoing enrollment access for students  
19 throughout the school year;
- 20 6. A grace period of fifteen (15) calendar days from the first day of an online course  
21 for student withdrawal from an online course without academic penalty;
- 22 7. Establishment of an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for each student;

1 8. Mastery of competencies for course completion rather than Carnegie units;

2 9. Student participation in extracurricular activities in the district of residence;

3 10. Parent authorization for release of state test results to online course providers,  
4 on a form developed by the State Department of Education;

5 11. Student participation in assessments administered pursuant to Section  
6 1210.508 of this title at a school in the district of residence;

7 12. Provision for ongoing weekly telephonic communication between teacher and  
8 student, and monthly telephonic communication between teacher and parent; and

9 13. A review process to identify and certify online course providers and a uniform  
10 payment processing system.

11 D. Each district board of education shall adopt policies and procedures that  
12 conform to rules for ~~Internet-based~~ online courses as adopted by the State Board. Such  
13 policies shall include criteria for approval of the course, the appropriateness of the course  
14 for a particular student, authorization for full-time students to enroll in ~~Internet-based~~  
15 online courses, and establishing fees or charges. No district shall be liable for payment of  
16 any fees or charges for any ~~Internet-based~~ online course for a student who has not  
17 complied with the district's policies and procedures. School districts shall not deny  
18 students the opportunity to enroll in educationally appropriate courses and shall provide  
19 an admissions process which includes input from the student, the parent or guardian of  
20 the student, and school faculty.

21 E. Districts shall require students enrolled in ~~Internet-based~~ online courses to  
22 participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. Students participating in

1 ~~Internet-based~~ online courses from a remote site will be responsible for providing their  
2 own equipment and Internet access, unless the district chooses to provide the equipment.  
3 Credit may not be granted for such courses except upon approval of the State Board of  
4 Education and the district board of education.

5 ~~E. F.~~ The school day for kindergarten may consist of six (6) hours devoted to school  
6 activities.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

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

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04-07-10  
12 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.