

3 Senate Bill No. 257

4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 257 - By: Corn of the Senate and Denney of the
6 House.

7 [career and technology education - technology center school
8 districts - effective date -
9 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.
13 2008, Section 14-108), is amended to read as follows:

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

21 B. A technology center school district shall be a body
22 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for
23 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State
24 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue
25 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted

1 with, and holding real and personal estate. Its governing board
2 shall be a board of education consisting of not less than five (5)
3 nor more than seven (7) members elected in a manner prescribed by
4 the State Board of Career and Technology Education. Such board of
5 education shall have the same powers and duties that boards of
6 education of independent school districts have. It may require
7 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be
8 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district
9 in which the student resides.

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

1 exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
2 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
3 of subsection B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma
4 Constitution, may be called by the board of education; and elections
5 on a levy for a building fund for an area school district under the
6 provisions of Section 10, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall be
7 called by the board of education of such district and conducted by
8 the county election board in the same manner that elections for
9 similar levies are called and conducted in independent school
10 districts.

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

1 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the
2 school district board of education.

3 E. Territory may be annexed to or detached from a technology
4 center school district, in accordance with rules prescribed by the
5 State Board of Career and Technology Education. If the State Board
6 of Career and Technology Education requires the submission of a
7 petition in order for an election to be called for the purpose of
8 annexation or deannexation of territory to a technology center
9 school district, such petition shall not be required to bear a
10 number of technology center school district electors' signatures
11 which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of technology center
12 school district electors who voted in the last school board election
13 in the territory proposed to be annexed or deannexed. Provided, the
14 period of time from which the petition is initiated to its time of
15 filing with the State Board shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

16 F. Schools of technology center school districts shall be
17 subject to classification, inspection and accreditation by the State
18 Board of Education.

19 G. The technology center school board of education may
20 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school
21 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

22 H. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology
23 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,

1 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon
2 employment including credit for years of service in the previous
3 school district by the technology center school district, if the
4 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an
5 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly
6 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is
7 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of
8 the school district.

9 I. The board of education of a technology center school
10 district may convey surplus personal property without consideration
11 to a:

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

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

17 3. A technology center school district; or

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

20 J. The board of education of a technology center school
21 district may, without prior approval of the State Board of Career
22 and Technology Education, approve all plans and specifications for
23 technology center school buildings, additions, and major

1 modifications to school buildings that are designed to provide for
2 the offering of vocational-technical education programs and services
3 when the cost of the building project is to be paid with local
4 levies or state bond monies or both local levies and state bond
5 monies.

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

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

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-11-09 - DO
12 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.