

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2319

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 1-111, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter
9 103, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 1-111),
10 which relates to length of a school day; expanding
11 rule-making authority of the State Board of
12 Education; prohibiting school districts from denying
13 students certain opportunities; providing an
14 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-111, as
17 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp.
18 2009, Section 1-111), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1-111. A. Except as otherwise provided for by law, a
20 school day shall consist of not less than six (6) hours devoted to
21 school activities. A district board of education may elect to
22 extend the length of one (1) or more school days to more than six
23 (6) hours and reduce the number of school days as long as the total
24 amount of classroom instruction time is not less than one thousand

1 eighty (1,080) hours per year as required pursuant to Section 1-109
2 of this title.

3 B. A school day for nursery, early childhood education,
4 kindergarten, and alternative education programs shall be as
5 otherwise defined by law or as defined by the State Board of
6 Education. Not more than one (1) school day shall be counted for
7 attendance purposes in any twenty-four-hour period.

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

17 1. Criteria for student admissions eligibility;

18 2. A student admission process administered through the
19 district of residence, which provides the ability for the student to
20 enroll in an individual course or on a full-time basis either in the
21 district of residence or by transfer to another school district;

22 3. An electronic student transfer system which does not require
23 the student desiring to transfer to another district for enrollment

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- 1 in an online course to personally appear in the district to which
2 the transfer is sought;
- 3 4. A process by which students are not denied the opportunity
4 to enroll in educationally-appropriate courses by school districts;
- 5 5. Creation of a system which provides ongoing enrollment
6 access for students throughout the school year;
- 7 6. A grace period of fifteen (15) calendar days from the first
8 day of an online course for student withdrawal from an online course
9 without academic penalty;
- 10 7. Establishment of an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for
11 each student;
- 12 8. Mastery of competencies for course completion rather than
13 Carnegie units;
- 14 9. Student participation in extracurricular activities in the
15 district of residence, even if the student transfers to another
16 district for online courses;
- 17 10. Parent authorization for release of state test results to
18 online course providers, on a form developed by the State Department
19 of Education;
- 20 11. Student participation in assessments administered pursuant
21 to Section 1210.508 of this title at a school in the district of
22 residence;
- 23 12. Provision for ongoing weekly communication between teacher
24 and student, and monthly communication between teacher and parent;

1 13. District of residence administration of and responsibility
2 for student counseling, special education services, and issuance of
3 the diploma for high school graduation; and

4 14. A review process to identify and certify online course
5 providers and a uniform payment processing system.

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

19 E. Districts shall require students enrolled in ~~Internet-based~~
20 online courses to participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program
21 Act. Students participating in ~~Internet-based~~ online courses from a
22 remote site will be responsible for providing their own equipment
23 and Internet access, unless the district chooses to provide the
24 equipment. Credit may not be granted for such courses except upon

1 approval of the State Board of Education and the district board of
2 education.

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

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

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

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