

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL 280

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

6 Coody and Ritze of the  
7 House

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11 An Act relating to online education; amending 70 O.S.  
12 2001, Section 1-111, as last amended by Section 1,  
13 Chapter 352, O.S.L. 2010 (70 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section  
14 1-111), which relates to the length of a school day  
15 and certain exceptions; deleting requirement that the  
16 State Department of Education make rules requiring  
17 telephonic communication between teachers and  
18 students and their parents; deleting requirement for  
19 establishment of certain plans; deleting requirement  
20 for certain assessments; providing an effective date;  
21 and declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-111, as  
24 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 352, O.S.L. 2010 (70 O.S. Supp.  
2010, Section 1-111), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-111. A. Except as otherwise provided for by law, a  
school day shall consist of not less than six (6) hours devoted to

1 school activities. A district board of education may elect to  
2 extend the length of one (1) or more school days to more than six  
3 (6) hours and reduce the number of school days as long as the total  
4 amount of classroom instruction time is not less than one thousand  
5 eighty (1,080) hours per year as required pursuant to Section 1-109  
6 of this title.

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

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

- 21 1. Criteria for student admissions eligibility;
- 22 2. A student admission process administered through the  
23 district of residence, which provides the ability for the student to  
24 enroll in individual courses;

1           3. An electronic student transfer system which does not require  
2 the student desiring to transfer to another district for enrollment  
3 in an online course to personally appear in the district to which  
4 the transfer is sought;

5           4. A process by which students are not denied the opportunity  
6 to enroll in educationally appropriate courses by school districts;

7           5. Creation of a system which provides ongoing enrollment  
8 access for students throughout the school year;

9           6. A grace period of fifteen (15) calendar days from the first  
10 day of an online course for student withdrawal from an online course  
11 without academic penalty;

12           7. ~~Establishment of an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for~~  
13 ~~each student;~~

14           ~~8.~~ Mastery of competencies for course completion rather than  
15 Carnegie units;

16           ~~9.~~ 8. Student participation in extracurricular activities in  
17 the district of residence accordance with school district  
18 eligibility rules and policies and any rules and policies of a  
19 private organization or association which provides the coordination,  
20 supervision, and regulation of the interscholastic activities and  
21 contests of schools;

22           ~~10.~~ 9. Parent authorization for release of state test results  
23 to online course providers, on a form developed by the State  
24 Department of Education;

1       ~~11. Student participation in assessments administered pursuant~~  
2 ~~to Section 1210.508 of this title at a school in the district of~~  
3 ~~residence;~~

4       ~~12. Provision for ongoing weekly telephonic communication~~  
5 ~~between teacher and student, and monthly telephonic communication~~  
6 ~~between teacher and parent; and~~

7       ~~13.~~ 10. A review process to identify and certify online course  
8 providers and a uniform payment processing system.

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

21       E. Districts shall require students enrolled in online courses  
22 to participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. Students  
23 participating in online courses from a remote site will be  
24 responsible for providing their own equipment and Internet access,

1 unless the district chooses to provide the equipment. Credit may  
2 not be granted for such courses except upon approval of the State  
3 Board of Education and the district board of education.

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

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2011.

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.

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