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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1-111, which relates to the school day and
9 rules for online courses; adding a provision to be
10 addressed in rules adopted by the State Board of
11 Education; prohibiting a school district from
12 entering into certain contracts with online course
13 providers; specifying contract restriction; providing
14 an 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. 2011, Section 1-111, is
17 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

15 1. Criteria for student admissions eligibility;

16 2. A student admission process administered through the
17 district of residence, which provides the ability for the student to
18 enroll in individual courses;

19 3. An electronic student transfer system which does not require
20 the student desiring to transfer to another district for enrollment
21 in an online course to personally appear in the district to which
22 the transfer is sought;

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

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

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

6 7. Mastery of competencies for course completion rather than
7 Carnegie units;

8 8. Student participation in extracurricular activities in
9 accordance with school district eligibility rules and policies and
10 any rules and policies of a private organization or association
11 which provides the coordination, supervision, and regulation of the
12 interscholastic activities and contests of schools;

13 9. Parent authorization for release of state test results to
14 online course providers, on a form developed by the State Department
15 of Education; and

16 10. A review process to identify and certify online course
17 providers and a uniform payment processing system subject to the
18 restrictions set forth in subsection F of this section.

19 D. Each district board of education shall adopt policies and
20 procedures that conform to rules for online courses as adopted by
21 the State Board. Such policies shall include criteria for approval
22 of the course, the appropriateness of the course for a particular
23 student, authorization for full-time students to enroll in online
24 courses, and establishing fees or charges. No district shall be

1 liable for payment of any fees or charges for any online course for
2 a student who has not complied with the district's policies and
3 procedures. School districts shall not deny students the
4 opportunity to enroll in educationally appropriate courses and shall
5 provide an admissions process which includes input from the student,
6 the parent or guardian of the student, and school faculty.

7 E. Districts shall require students enrolled in online courses
8 to participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. Students
9 participating in online courses from a remote site will be
10 responsible for providing their own equipment and Internet access,
11 unless the district chooses to provide the equipment. Credit may
12 not be granted for such courses except upon approval of the State
13 Board of Education and the district board of education.

14 F. After the effective date of this act, no school district
15 shall enter into a contract with an online course provider which
16 provide that all or any portion of the State Aid allocated to the
17 school district for students enrolled in online courses or programs
18 will be paid to the provider unless the online course provider has
19 its principal place of business located in Oklahoma or has at least
20 fifty percent (50%) of its employees or assets located in Oklahoma.

21 G. The school day for kindergarten may consist of six (6) hours
22 devoted to school activities.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

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