

An Act relating to charter schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-132, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 3-132), which relates to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; modifying criteria for charter school sponsors; removing certain sponsors; allowing the State Board of Education to sponsor a certain number of charter schools in counties with certain population; allowing certain priority for charter schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-134, which relates to charter applications; adding certain information required in application; providing for location of certain charter schools sponsored by the State Board of Education; providing powers and duties of a charter school sponsor; directing charter school sponsors to establish certain policies and procedures; providing immunity from liability to sponsors for certain activities; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-135, which relates to charter school contracts; adding certain requirements for charter school contracts; prohibiting serving students without certain contract; allowing a sponsor to establish certain requirements; providing criteria for the establishment of performance framework; prohibiting request for certain data; allowing charter school contracts for multiple schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-137, which relates to contract terms; allowing contract renewal with certain terms; requiring issuance of certain performance report; providing deadline for response; establishing renewal application guidelines; providing for certain consideration in making certain renewal decision; removing option for certain mediation; directing the State Board of Education to establish a charter school ranking list; providing options for certain ranked charter schools; providing for certain calculation under certain conditions; directing the State Board of Education to consider certain information; requiring a charter school sponsor to appear before the State Board of Education after certain decision; allowing the State Board of Education to uphold or overturn certain decision; exempting certain charter schools from certain application; providing procedures for charter school closure; directing charter school sponsors to develop certain processes; requiring review of certain charter proposal; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-140, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 3-140), which relates to eligibility of students; prohibiting a charter school sponsor from restricting certain enrollment; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-142, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 3-142), which relates to funding; modifying reference to unexpended funds; prohibiting levying of taxes and issuance of bonds; allowing charter schools to enter into certain borrowing contracts; directing responsibility for repayment; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.