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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 257

By: Corn of the Senate

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An Act relating to career and technology education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 14-108), which relates to technology center school districts; modifying authorization to convey personal property to surplus personal property; authorizing transfer of surplus personal property by a technology center school district to another district or to the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education for certain purpose; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall prescribe criteria and procedures for the establishment and governance of technology center school districts,

1 as provided by Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and
2 such districts so established shall be operated in accordance with
3 rules of the State Board of Career and Technology Education, except
4 as otherwise provided in this title.

5 B. A technology center school district shall be a body
6 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for
7 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State
8 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue
9 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted
10 with, and holding real and personal estate. Its governing board
11 shall be a board of education consisting of not less than five (5)
12 nor more than seven (7) members elected in a manner prescribed by
13 the State Board of Career and Technology Education. Such board of
14 education shall have the same powers and duties that boards of
15 education of independent school districts have. It may require
16 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be
17 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district
18 in which the student resides.

19 C. An election to vote on the question of making a levy of not
20 to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
21 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
22 of subsection A, Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall
23 be called by the board of education and conducted by the county
24 election board of such district in the same manner that elections

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

19 D. Annual estimates of needs of technology center school
20 districts shall be made and approved in the same manner that those
21 of independent school districts are made and approved. Provided,
22 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
23 prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of
24 technology center school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for

1 and expended. Any such estimate of needs may include an estimate of
2 federal funds as probable income from sources other than ad valorem
3 tax of the district and other than any excise or other tax assessed
4 by legislative enactment and distributed in lieu of ad valorem
5 taxes. If a technology center school district lies in more than one
6 county, the district's estimate of needs shall be filed with and
7 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the
8 school district board of education.

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

22 F. Schools of technology center school districts shall be
23 subject to classification, inspection and accreditation by the State
24 Board of Education.

1 G. The technology center school board of education may
2 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school
3 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

4 H. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology
5 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,
6 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon
7 employment including credit for years of service in the previous
8 school district by the technology center school district, if the
9 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an
10 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly
11 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is
12 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of
13 the school district.

14 I. The board of education of a technology center school
15 district may convey surplus personal property without consideration
16 to a:

17 1. A school district that is within the boundary of the
18 technology center school district or a;

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

22 3. A technology center school district; or

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

1 J. The board of education of a technology center school
2 district may, without prior approval of the State Board of Career
3 and Technology Education, approve all plans and specifications for
4 technology center school buildings, additions, and major
5 modifications to school buildings that are designed to provide for
6 the offering of vocational-technical education programs and services
7 when the cost of the building project is to be paid with local
8 levies or state bond monies or both local levies and state bond
9 monies.

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

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

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