

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 257

By: Corn of the Senate

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4 Denney of the House

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6 [ career and technology education - technology center  
7 school districts - effective date -  
8 emergency ]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as  
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.  
13 2008, Section 14-108), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology  
15 Education shall prescribe criteria and procedures for the  
16 establishment and governance of technology center school districts,  
17 as provided by Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and  
18 such districts so established shall be operated in accordance with  
19 rules of the State Board of Career and Technology Education, except  
20 as otherwise provided in this title.

21 B. A technology center school district shall be a body  
22 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for  
23 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State  
24 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue

1 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted  
2 with, and holding real and personal estate. Its governing board  
3 shall be a board of education consisting of not less than five (5)  
4 nor more than seven (7) members elected in a manner prescribed by  
5 the State Board of Career and Technology Education. Such board of  
6 education shall have the same powers and duties that boards of  
7 education of independent school districts have. It may require  
8 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be  
9 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district  
10 in which the student resides.

11 C. An election to vote on the question of making a levy of not  
12 to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable  
13 property in a technology center school district under the provisions  
14 of subsection A, Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall  
15 be called by the board of education and conducted by the county  
16 election board of such district in the same manner that elections  
17 for emergency levies in school districts under the provisions of  
18 Section 9(d), Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, are called and  
19 conducted. When such levy is approved by a majority of the electors  
20 of the technology center school district voting on the question at  
21 such election, the levy shall be made each fiscal year thereafter  
22 until repealed by a majority of the electors of the district voting  
23 on the question at an election called for such purpose. An election  
24 to vote on the question of making a local incentive levy of not to

1 exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable  
2 property in a technology center school district under the provisions  
3 of subsection B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma  
4 Constitution, may be called by the board of education; and elections  
5 on a levy for a building fund for an area school district under the  
6 provisions of Section 10, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall be  
7 called by the board of education of such district and conducted by  
8 the county election board in the same manner that elections for  
9 similar levies are called and conducted in independent school  
10 districts.

11 D. Annual estimates of needs of technology center school  
12 districts shall be made and approved in the same manner that those  
13 of independent school districts are made and approved. Provided,  
14 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall  
15 prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of  
16 technology center school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for  
17 and expended. Any such estimate of needs may include an estimate of  
18 federal funds as probable income from sources other than ad valorem  
19 tax of the district and other than any excise or other tax assessed  
20 by legislative enactment and distributed in lieu of ad valorem  
21 taxes. If a technology center school district lies in more than one  
22 county, the district's estimate of needs shall be filed with and  
23 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the  
24 school district board of education.

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

14 F. Schools of technology center school districts shall be  
15 subject to classification, inspection and accreditation by the State  
16 Board of Education.

17 G. The technology center school board of education may  
18 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school  
19 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

20 H. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology  
21 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,  
22 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon  
23 employment including credit for years of service in the previous  
24 school district by the technology center school district, if the

1 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an  
2 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly  
3 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is  
4 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of  
5 the school district.

6 I. The board of education of a technology center school  
7 district may convey surplus personal property without consideration  
8 to a:

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

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

14 3. A technology center school district; or

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

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

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

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

8 Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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12 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 2009.

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