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Research Analysis

The committee substitute allows school districts selected by the State Board of Education to be exempt from which charter schools are exempt. Districts must still accept students who reside in the district, meet salary requirements, participate in the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, provide health insurance, require background checks, evaluate teachers, hire certified employees, test students and require that board members meet continuing education requirements.

School districts that have a school that the State Board of Education identified as in need of improvement will be required to participate in the program and implement it by the 2014-15 school year but are not prohibited from adhering to mandates and regulations. By September 30, 2014, the State Board of Education must adopt a schedule to have all participating school districts to be participating within five years.

School districts consolidating or annexing to may enter into contracts that provide that school sites will not be closed unless certain conditions such as minimum enrollment, community impact and transportation costs are met. Students may apply for transfers at any time during the school year and transfer with permission of the receiving district. School districts may establish deadlines for when the district will accept applications and approve transfers.

School counselors will not be required to administer state tests.

The committee substitute also defines drop out as any student under the age of 18, rather than 19, who has not graduated from high school and is not attending any school or receiving other means of education.

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Fiscal Analysis

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Other Considerations

None.