

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

House Bill 2131 as modified by Senate amendment allows school districts to request from the State Board of Education to be exempt from which charter schools are exempt. Requests must include a plan outlining goals, educational and fiscal benefits and anticipated outcomes. A plan must be for no longer than three years. Prior to the beginning of the third year, a school district may apply for renewal. Districts must submit annual reports and the State Board of Education must annually assess the academic achievement and fiscal status of districts.

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, meet curriculum requirements and require that board members meet continuing education requirements.

The measure requires that parents file applications for transfer of students by the first Monday in June rather than April 1 and the receiving school district must notify the resident school district by that date that an application has been filed. The board of education of the receiving school district must approve or deny applications within 30 days of receipt. Parents must notify the receiving school district within 10 days of receiving notice that the student will enroll.

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Fiscal Analysis

ESA to EHB 2131 establishes the School District Empowerment Program to be administered by the State Board of Education. Further, filings of student transfer applications are changed from no later than April 1 to the first Monday in June of the school year preceding the school year for which the transfer is desired. Certain number of days for receipt, approval, denial and notifications are provided. The measure has no fiscal impact.

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Other Considerations

None at this time.