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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics to cease operation of the residential high school program by a certain date; directing the Board of Trustees to establish certain regional center programs in technology center school districts; providing for location of regional programs; providing for the transfer of certain real property of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; requiring certain conveyances and documents to be executed by a certain date; stating intent for the provision of administrative support and office space; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 1210.401, 1210.402, as amended by Section 623, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 and 1210.403 (70 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 1210.402), which relate to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics; changing requirement to establish a secondary school to regional center programs; changing name of the school; changing name of certain revolving fund; changing purpose for expenditure from certain revolving fund; repealing 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.404, which relates to pilot programs for advanced science and mathematics; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.

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

1       SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.405 of Title 70, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. By June 30, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma  
5 School of Science and Mathematics shall cease operations of the two-  
6 year public residential high school program. By July 1, 2016, the  
7 Board of Trustees shall establish regional center programs  
8 implementing advanced science and mathematics curriculum in each  
9 technology center school district in the state. Except as otherwise  
10 provided, the Board of Trustees shall implement a regional center  
11 program at every technology center campus site in every technology  
12 center school district in the state. For the districts located in  
13 whole or in part in the five counties in the state with the highest  
14 population according to the latest Federal Decennial Census the  
15 Board of Trustees shall implement a regional center program at not  
16 less than one technology center campus site in each of those  
17 districts.

18       B. Effective June 30, 2016, all real property of the Oklahoma  
19 School of Science and Mathematics located on the campus in Oklahoma  
20 City, Oklahoma, and referred to as the Manning Academic Center, the  
21 Dan Little Residence Hall, the Oklahoma School of Science and  
22 Mathematics Gymnasium, the Samson Science and Discovery Center and  
23 the Senator Bernice Shedrick Library, including all attachments to  
24 the real property, shall be transferred to the University of

1 Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Appropriate conveyances and other  
2 documents shall be executed by January 1, 2017, to effectuate the  
3 transfer of the real property owned by the Oklahoma School of  
4 Science and Mathematics to the University of Oklahoma Health  
5 Sciences Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
6 University of Oklahoma Health Science Center provide administrative  
7 support and office space for the faculty and staff of the Oklahoma  
8 School of Science and Mathematics.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.401, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1210.401 A. A ~~secondary school to be~~ system of  
12 regional center programs implementing advanced science and  
13 mathematics curriculum in each technology center school district in  
14 the state shall be known as the Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science  
15 and Mathematics is hereby established to be governed by a board of  
16 trustees as created in this section.

17 B. The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of  
18 Science and Mathematics shall consist of twenty-five (25) members as  
19 follows:

20 1. Six ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

- 21 a. The Chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
22 Education or a designee;
- 23 b. The Chancellor for Higher Education or a designee;

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- c. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee;
- d. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma State University;
- e. The Dean of the College of Arts and Science of the University of Oklahoma; and
- f. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Tulsa.

2. Seven members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:

- a. A member of the Senate;
- b. A superintendent of a public school district; and
- c. Five persons, two of whom are either a scientist or a mathematician and three of whom hold a graduate degree and practice a profession for which a graduate degree is required.

3. Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- a. A member of the House of Representatives;
- b. A principal of a public secondary school; and
- c. Five members who are either a scientist or a mathematician or hold a graduate degree and are currently employed in an occupation related to mathematics or one of the sciences.

1        4. Five members appointed by the Governor. Four of the members  
2 appointed by the Governor shall be business or industrial leaders.  
3 One member appointed by the Governor shall be a principal of a  
4 private secondary school in this state. One of the members shall be  
5 designated as Chair of the Board of Trustees by the Governor.

6        For purposes of this subsection:

7            a. "scientist" means any person who has a college degree  
8            in one of the sciences or is currently employed in an  
9            occupation related to one of the sciences; and

10          b. "mathematician" means any person who has a college  
11          degree in mathematics or is currently employed in an  
12          occupation related to mathematics.

13        C. 1. The terms of office of the members appointed by the  
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives shall coincide with the terms of the appointing  
16 authority.

17        2. The terms of office of the initial members appointed by the  
18 Governor shall be as follows:

19            a. Two members shall serve for a term of office of two  
20            (2) years;

21            b. Two members shall serve for a term of office of four  
22            (4) years; and

23            c. One member shall serve for a term of office of six (6)  
24            years.

1 At the expiration of the terms of office of the initial members  
2 appointed by the Governor, their successors shall be appointed for  
3 terms of office of six (6) years.

4 D. Vacancies in the office of an appointed member shall be  
5 filled for the unexpired term by the appointing authority making the  
6 original appointment. Except as prohibited by the Oklahoma  
7 Constitution, appointment to the Board of Trustees shall not  
8 preclude any member from holding any other private or public  
9 position.

10 E. The Board of Trustees shall prepare a budget request for the  
11 Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and Mathematics and shall submit  
12 the budget request to the Legislature and the Governor by October 1  
13 of each year. The Board of Trustees may accept gifts of real and  
14 personal property, money and other things, and use or dispose of the  
15 same in accordance with the directions of the donors or grantors  
16 thereof.

17 F. The Board of Trustees shall be authorized to purchase, own  
18 and acquire by lease or gift ~~such~~ any motor vehicles as are  
19 reasonably necessary for the implementation of the regional programs  
20 of the Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and Mathematics.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.402, as  
22 amended by Section 623, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.  
23 2012, Section 1210.402), is amended to read as follows:

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1       Section 1210.402 There is hereby created in the State Treasury  
2 a revolving fund for the Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and  
3 Mathematics, to be designated the "Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of  
4 Science and Mathematics Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
5 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
6 consist of all monies received by the Board of Trustees of the  
7 Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and Mathematics, from all  
8 sources. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby  
9 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Board of  
10 Trustees of the Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and Mathematics  
11 for the purpose of developing the system of regional center programs  
12 implementing advanced science and mathematics curriculum in each  
13 technology center school district in the state and known as the  
14 Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and Mathematics. Expenditures  
15 from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State  
16 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
17 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
18 approval and payment.

19       SECTION 4.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.403, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21       Section 1210.403 A. The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma  
22 ~~School~~ Schools of Science and Mathematics shall have the authority  
23 to promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ necessary to comply with the  
24 provisions of ~~Section~~ Sections 1210.401 and 1210.402 of this title,

1 Section 1 of this act, and any other requirements placed upon the  
2 Board of Trustees by law.

3 B. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the Board  
4 of Trustees of the Oklahoma ~~School~~ Schools of Science and  
5 Mathematics establish a hiring policy for the Oklahoma ~~School~~  
6 Schools of Science and Mathematics which provides that applicants  
7 for employment positions with the ~~School~~ Schools who are residents  
8 of the State of Oklahoma shall be given priority for employment over  
9 applicants who are not residents of this state if all other  
10 qualifications are equal.

11 SECTION 5. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.404, is  
12 hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 6. Section 1 of this act shall become effective  
14 November 1, 2013.

15 SECTION 7. Sections 2 through 5 of this act shall become  
16 effective July 1, 2016.

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