

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 136

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Nelson of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to online education; amending Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2012, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 3-145.3), which relates to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; directing the Board to make lists of certain supplemental online courses publicly available; stating the purpose for the review and certification; requiring the Board to give emphasis to certain types of supplemental online courses; prohibiting certain limitation; authorizing the Board to negotiate and enter into contracts with certain vendors; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2012, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 3-145.3), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3-145.3 A. Subject to the requirements of the Oklahoma
2 Charter Schools Act, the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
3 shall:

4 1. Provide oversight of the operations of statewide virtual
5 charter schools in this state; ~~and~~

6 2. Establish a procedure for accepting, approving and
7 disapproving statewide virtual charter school applications and a
8 process for renewal or revocation of approved charter school
9 contracts which minimally meet the procedures set forth in the
10 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;

11 3. Make publicly available a list of supplemental online
12 courses which have been reviewed and certified by the Statewide
13 Virtual Charter School Board to ensure that the courses are high
14 quality options and are aligned with the subject matter standards
15 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 11-103.6
16 of this title. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall
17 give special emphasis on listing supplemental online courses in
18 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), foreign language
19 and advanced placement courses. School districts shall not be
20 limited to selecting supplemental online courses that have been
21 reviewed and certified by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
22 and listed as provided for in this paragraph; and

23 4. Negotiate and enter into contracts with supplemental online
24 course providers to offer a state rate price to school districts for

1 supplemental online courses that have been reviewed and certified by
2 the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and listed as provided
3 for in paragraph 3 of this subsection.

4 B. Each statewide virtual charter school which has been
5 approved and sponsored by the Board or any virtual charter school
6 for which the Board has assumed sponsorship of as provided for in
7 Section 3-145.5 of this title shall be considered a statewide
8 virtual charter school and the geographic boundaries of each
9 statewide virtual charter school shall be the borders of the state.

10 C. Each statewide virtual charter school approved by the
11 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall be eligible to receive
12 federal funds generated by students enrolled in the charter school
13 for the applicable year. Each statewide virtual charter school
14 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
15 of reporting and accountability.

16 D. As calculated as provided for in Section 3-142 of this
17 title, a statewide virtual charter school shall receive the State
18 Aid allocation and any other state-appropriated revenue generated by
19 students enrolled in the virtual charter school for the applicable
20 year, less up to five percent (5%) of the State Aid allocation,
21 which may be retained by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
22 for administrative expenses and to support the mission of the Board.
23 A statewide virtual charter school shall be eligible for any other
24 funding any other charter school is eligible for as provided for in

1 Section 3-142 of this title. Each statewide virtual charter school
2 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
3 of reporting and accountability.

4 E. Students enrolled full-time in a statewide virtual charter
5 school sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall
6 not be authorized to participate in any activities administered by
7 the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. However, the
8 students may participate in intramural activities sponsored by a
9 statewide virtual charter school, an online provider for the charter
10 school or any other outside organization.

11 F. The decision of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
12 to deny, nonrenew or terminate the charter contract of a statewide
13 virtual charter school may be appealed to the State Board of
14 Education within thirty (30) days of the decision by the Statewide
15 Virtual Charter School Board. The State Board of Education shall
16 act on the appeal within sixty (60) days of receipt of the request
17 from the statewide virtual charter school applicant. The State
18 Board of Education may reverse the decision of the Statewide Virtual
19 Charter School Board or may remand the matter back to the Statewide
20 Virtual Charter School Board for further proceeding as directed.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

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