

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 136

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Nelson of the House

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10                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to online education; amending Section  
12                   5, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2012, as amended by Section 5,  
13                   Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section  
14                   3-145.3), which relates to the Statewide Virtual  
15                   Charter School Board; directing the Board to make  
16                   lists of certain supplemental online courses publicly  
17                   available; stating the purpose for the review and  
18                   certification; requiring the Board to give emphasis  
19                   to certain types of supplemental online courses;  
20                   prohibiting certain limitation; authorizing the Board  
21                   to negotiate and enter into contracts with certain  
22                   vendors; providing an effective date; and declaring  
23                   an emergency.

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

26                   SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L.  
27                   2012, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S.  
28                   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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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03/31/2015  
5 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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