

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 244

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Jordan of the House

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6 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; directing
7 virtual charter schools to keep attendance records
8 for enrolled students; directing the governing bodies
9 of virtual charter schools to adopt certain policy by
10 certain date; providing criteria for policy;
11 providing definition; requiring a virtual charter
12 school to submit a report upon a student accumulating
13 a certain number of absences; requiring virtual
14 charter schools to develop certain learning plans;
15 requiring the governing bodies of virtual charter
16 schools to develop and adopt certain policy;
17 providing minimum criteria for policy; providing for
18 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;
19 and declaring an emergency.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

25 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
26 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-145.8 of Title 70, unless
27 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

28 A. It shall be the duty of each virtual charter school approved
29 and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual School Board pursuant to the
30 provisions of Section 3-145.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
31 to keep a full and complete record of the attendance of all students
32 enrolled in the virtual charter school.
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1 B. By July 1, 2017, the governing body of each virtual charter
2 school shall adopt an attendance policy. The attendance policy
3 shall include the following provisions:

4 1. A student who attends a virtual charter school shall be
5 considered in attendance for a quarter if the student:

6 a. completes instructional activities on no less than
7 ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter,
8 or

9 b. is on pace for on-time completion of the course as
10 defined by the governing board of the virtual charter
11 school.

12 2. For a student who does not meet either of the criteria set
13 forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection, an absence shall be
14 recorded for the school day on which the student did not complete
15 any instructional activities.

16 C. For the purposes of this section, "instructional activities"
17 shall include but not be limited to online logins to curriculum or
18 programs offered by the virtual charter school, offline activities,
19 completed assignments, testing, face-to-face communications with
20 virtual charter school staff or service providers or meetings with
21 virtual charter school staff or service providers via
22 teleconference, videoconference, email, text or phone.

1 D. The virtual charter school shall submit a report to the
2 parent or legal guardian of a student who has accumulated ten (10)
3 absences.

4 E. 1. Each virtual charter school shall develop a personal
5 learning plan for each student, in coordination with the student and
6 the parents or legal guardians of the student.

7 2. The governing body of each virtual charter school shall
8 develop and adopt a policy regarding failure to participate in
9 instructional activities. The policy shall state, at a minimum,
10 that if a student fails to comply with the personal learning plan
11 after receiving a notification pursuant to subsection D of this
12 section and reasonable opportunity to comply has been provided, a
13 student shall be subject to certain consequences, including removal
14 from the virtual charter school. If the governing body of the
15 virtual charter school decides the student's removal is warranted,
16 the virtual charter school shall provide the parents or legal
17 guardians of the student with a written list of available education
18 options.

19 F. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall promulgate
20 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

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

1 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2017.

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