

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 244

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Jordan of the House

An Act relating to virtual charter schools; directing virtual charter schools to keep attendance records for enrolled students; directing the governing bodies of virtual charter schools to adopt certain policy by certain date; providing criteria for policy; providing definition; requiring a virtual charter school to submit a notification upon a student being withdrawn for or approaching truancy; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Virtual charter school attendance

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

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

A. It shall be the duty of each virtual charter school approved and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual School Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-145.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to keep a full and complete record of the attendance of all students enrolled in the virtual charter school in one of the student information systems approved by the State Department of Education and locally selected by the virtual school from the approved list.

B. By July 1, 2018, the governing body of each virtual charter school shall adopt an attendance policy. The policy may allow

attendance to be a proportional amount of the required attendance policy provisions based upon the date of enrollment of the student. The attendance policy shall include the following provisions:

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

- a. completes instructional activities on no less than ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter,
- b. is on pace for on-time completion of the course as defined by the governing board of the virtual charter school, or
- c. completes no less than forty instructional activities within the quarter of the academic year.

2. For a student who does not meet any of the criteria set forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the amount of attendance recorded shall be the greater of:

- a. the number of school days during which the student completed the instructional activities during the quarter,
- b. the number of school days proportional to the percentage of the course that has been completed, or
- c. the number of school days proportional to the percentage of the required minimum number of completed instructional activities during the quarter.

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

D. The virtual charter school shall submit a notification to the parent or legal guardian of a student who has been withdrawn for truancy or is approaching truancy.

E. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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