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February 27, 2017

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

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 boards 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 report upon a student accumulating a certain number of absences; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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.

1 B. By July 1, 2018, the governing body of each virtual charter
2 school shall adopt an attendance policy that requires full-time
3 virtual charter school students to be on pace to complete all of
4 their scheduled courses by the end of the academic year or complete
5 no less than forty (40) instructional activities within one quarter
6 of the academic year to be counted in full attendance.

7 C. The attendance policy adopted by the governing body of a
8 virtual charter school shall include the following provisions:

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

11 a. completes instructional activities on no less than
12 ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter,

13 or

14 b. is on pace for on-time completion of the course as
15 defined by the governing board of the virtual charter
16 school.

17 2. For a student who does not meet either of the criteria set
18 forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the number of recorded
19 absences shall be the lesser of:

20 a. the number of school days during which the student did
21 not complete the instructional activities during the
22 quarter, and

23 b. the number of school days proportional to the
24 percentage of the course that has not been completed.

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

8 E. The virtual charter school shall submit a report to the
9 parent or legal guardian of a student who has accumulated ten (10)
10 absences.

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

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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