

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 632

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education of students in state care; creating the Education Compact for Students in State Care Act; providing short title; creating the Education Compact for Students in State Care Advisory Committee; providing for membership; providing for meetings to be subject to certain act; prohibiting members from receiving travel reimbursement; providing for timely delivery of certain student records; providing definition; providing for certain power of attorney to suffice for certain purpose; directing certain school to request certain permanent records; requiring permanent records to be provided within certain time period; requiring student to obtain certain immunizations within certain time period; providing for placement of student in certain school; directing certain school to consider the student's eligibility in certain programs and activities; providing for services to be provided for students on an individualized education program; requiring certain school to comply with certain provisions; providing for automatic enrollment of certain students in certain curriculum; directing certain school to work in certain collaboration to determine curriculum placement; authorizing certain school to waive certain requirements; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-130 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Education
5 Compact for Students in State Care Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-131 of Title 70, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. There is hereby created the Education Compact for Students
10 in State Care Advisory Committee.

11 B. The advisory committee shall be comprised of three (3)
12 members to be appointed as follows:

13 1. One member representing the State Department of Education to
14 be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction;

15 2. One member representing the Office of Juvenile Affairs to be
16 appointed by the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile
17 Affairs; and

18 3. One member representing the Department of Human Services to
19 be appointed by the Director of the Department of Human Services.

20 C. The advisory committee may meet as often as may be required
21 in order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

22 D. The meetings of the advisory committee shall be subject to
23 the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

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1 E. Members of the advisory committee shall receive no
2 compensation or travel reimbursement.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-132 of Title 70, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. To facilitate the timely transfer and/or enrollment of a
7 student who has been placed in state care, the personnel of a
8 sending school district shall make every effort to ensure timely
9 delivery of temporary and permanent student records.

10 B. In the event that the permanent records of a student who has
11 been placed in state care cannot be released to the parent(s) or
12 legal guardian(s) of the student, school district personnel of a
13 sending school district shall make temporary records available to a
14 designee of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or the Department of
15 Human Services. For the purposes of this section, "temporary
16 records" shall include but not be limited to a student's attendance
17 records, test performance records and any applicable individualized
18 education program (IEP) records.

19 C. A power of attorney issued pursuant to Section 700 of Title
20 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be sufficient for the purposes of
21 enrollment.

22 D. 1. Upon receipt of the temporary records, the receiving
23 school district shall enroll and place the student based on the
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1 information provided in the temporary records, pending validation by
2 the permanent records.

3 2. The receiving school district shall request the student's
4 permanent records from the sending school district. Upon receipt of
5 such a request, the sending school district shall process and
6 furnish the student's permanent records to the receiving school
7 district within three (3) days.

8 E. A student who has been placed in state care and transferred
9 and/or enrolled pursuant to this section shall have thirty (30) days
10 from the date of enrollment to obtain immunizations required by
11 Section 1210.191 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. If a series
12 of immunizations is required, the student shall have thirty (30)
13 days from the date of enrollment to receive the initial dose.

14 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-133 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. To facilitate the education of a student who has been placed
18 in state care, a receiving school district shall initially honor
19 placement of the student in educational courses based on the
20 student's enrollment in the sending school district and/or
21 educational assessments conducted at the sending school district. A
22 receiving school district shall be authorized to perform its own
23 placement evaluation to ensure appropriate placement of the student.

1 B. In placing the student, the receiving school district shall
2 take into consideration the student's eligibility for:

3 1. Gifted and talented programs, including but not limited to
4 Advanced Placement courses and International Baccalaureate courses;

5 2. An English language learner program;

6 3. Courses or a sequence of courses offered by a technology
7 center school; and

8 4. Extracurricular activities.

9 C. 1. If an individualized education program (IEP) was in
10 place for the student at the sending school district, the receiving
11 school district shall initially provide comparable services, in
12 accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
13 (IDEA). The receiving school district shall conduct an evaluation
14 of the student to determine eligibility for special education and
15 related services, pursuant to Section 13-102 of Title 70 of the
16 Oklahoma Statutes.

17 2. The receiving school district shall comply with the
18 requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C.A.,
19 Section 794, and with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities
20 Act, 42 U.S.C.A., Sections 12131 through 12165.

21 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-134 of Title 70, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. To facilitate the on-time graduation of a student who has
2 been placed in state care during the ninth through twelfth grades,
3 the student shall be automatically enrolled in the core curriculum,
4 as set forth in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
5 Statutes. However, the school district in which the student is
6 enrolled shall work in collaboration with the parent(s) or legal
7 guardian(s) of the student and the student to determine if he or she
8 should complete the college preparatory/work ready curriculum or the
9 core curriculum requirements established by Section 11-103.6 of
10 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 B. In making decisions related to the on-time graduation of the
12 student, the school district in which the student is enrolled shall
13 be authorized to waive any applicable graduation requirements
14 established by the school district board of education.

15 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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