

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 639

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; directing  
8 the governing body of a virtual charter school to  
9 notify the parent or legal guardian if a student does  
10 not respond to certain assignment or directive within  
11 certain time frame; providing for notification of a  
12 parent or legal guardian upon certain subsequent  
13 actions; allowing the transfer of the student upon  
14 certain notification; allowing for appeal of certain  
15 transfer decision within certain time period;  
16 providing for the parent or legal guardian of a  
17 virtual charter school student to provide certain  
18 notification to the governing body of a virtual  
19 charter school; providing for promulgation of rules;  
20 providing for codification; providing an effective  
21 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

21 A. If a student enrolled in a virtual charter school, which is  
22 approved and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board  
23 pursuant to Section 3-145.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
24 fails to respond appropriately to a school assignment or directive

1 from instructional staff within five (5) school days, the governing  
2 body of the virtual charter school shall notify the student's parent  
3 or legal guardian.

4 B. 1. Subject to the provisions of subsection C of this  
5 section, the third time in the same semester that a student  
6 attending a virtual charter school fails to respond appropriately to  
7 a school assignment or directive from instructional staff within  
8 five (5) school days, the governing body of the virtual charter  
9 school shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian, the  
10 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and the State Board of  
11 Education. The governing body of the virtual charter school may  
12 transfer the student to his or her resident school district, as  
13 defined in Section 1-113 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, but  
14 it shall first notify the student's parent or legal guardian, the  
15 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and the State Board of  
16 Education.

17 2. The parent or legal guardian of a student transferred to his  
18 or her resident district pursuant to this subsection may appeal the  
19 transfer to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board within thirty  
20 (30) days after receipt of the notice of transfer. The Statewide  
21 Virtual Charter School Board shall affirm the transfer decision  
22 unless the Board finds that the decision was arbitrary or  
23 unreasonable.

1 C. If the parent or legal guardian of the student attending a  
2 virtual charter school notifies the virtual charter school in  
3 writing before a school assignment or directive is given that the  
4 student will not be available to respond to the assignment or  
5 directive during a specific period of time, the school days during  
6 that period shall not count for purposes of subsection B of this  
7 section. The virtual charter school shall require the student to  
8 complete any assignment missed during the period. This subsection  
9 shall apply to no more than ten (10) school days in a school year.

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

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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