

Bill Summary
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1402
Version:	INT
Request No.:	3161
Author:	Sen. Dahm
Date:	01/19/2022

Bill Analysis

SB 1402 creates the Professional Teacher Charter Act allowing a certified teacher who has 5 years of teaching experience or a consortium of certified teachers who each have 5 years of teaching experience to sponsor a professional teacher charter school. The measure establishes requirements for the charter school including application procedures, governance guidelines and contract terms. The bill requires a professional teacher charter school to ensure that each enrolled student takes a nationally norm-referenced test once each year, post on its website information about curriculum and instructional materials and have independent control over curriculum and personnel decisions. It states that a professional teacher charter school is not required to participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program, participate in the school accountability system, employ certified individuals, comply with minimum salary and benefits, or comply with provisions regarding the length of the school day or the school year. The measure states that a professional teacher charter school's boundaries are the boundaries of the state. It creates the Professional Teacher Charter Student Revolving Fund to be used in the event a professional teacher charter school ceases operations. The bill provides for calculation of State Aid for a professional teacher charter school.

Prepared by: Kalen Taylor