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February 6, 2024

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1307

By: Stanley of the Senate

and

Moore of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Sections 5-132 and 5-132.1, which relate to adult high school completion; removing reasons for which certain persons were unable to attend school; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; providing exemption from certain assessments for certain persons; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-132, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-132. A. Any person who is of legal age and a resident of ~~Oklahoma~~ this state, over the age of twenty-one (21) and under the age of twenty-six (26), and who has not completed the twelfth grade in school shall be given the same educational privileges and opportunities provided by law for children over the age of five (5) and under the age of twenty-one (21), upon submitting to the board of education of the school district in which

1 the person resides evidence satisfactory to that board showing that
2 during the time before he or she was twenty-one (21) years of age he
3 or she was unable to attend school for a definite period or periods
4 of time ~~because of physical disability, or service in the United~~
5 ~~States Armed Forces or Auxiliary Organizations~~, by reason whereof it
6 was impossible for him or her to complete the twelfth grade before
7 reaching the age of twenty-one (21). Provided, further, the pupil
8 shall be counted in the average daily attendance of the district
9 where he or she attends school during the period of time provided
10 for in this ~~article~~ section for the purpose of calculating State Aid
11 for the district.

12 B. Any resident of the state who is nineteen (19) years of age
13 or older, who is not enrolled in any high school program, and who
14 has not completed the twelfth grade may attend any adult high school
15 completion program which is established by a school district and
16 approved by the State Board of Career and Technology Education if
17 such attendance has the approval of the district offering the
18 program. Such attendance shall not be counted in the average daily
19 attendance of the district unless the Legislature appropriates
20 monies for adult high school completion programs. Such attendance
21 shall not be counted to meet minimum numbers for accreditation of
22 the school district involved, and such students shall not attend
23 classes which are a part of the normal class structure of the
24 district.

1 C. A person subject to the provisions of subsection A or B of
2 this section shall not be required to take the student assessments
3 required by Section 1210.508 of this title.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-132.1, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 5-132.1. A. Any person other than those persons
7 provided for in Section 5-132 of this title, who is twenty-one (21)
8 years of age or older and who has not completed the requirements for
9 a high school diploma or ~~received a General Education Diploma~~
10 Development (GED) requirements, upon proper application to an
11 independent school district may be given the opportunity to complete
12 the requirements for and receive a regular high school diploma.

13 B. The school district or technology center school district in
14 which such person resides may give the person the option of
15 attending regular classes if class size restrictions are not
16 violated, or of participating in other programs which may be
17 provided pursuant to provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes or rules
18 promulgated by the State Board of Education or State Board of Career
19 and Technology Education. ~~Providing~~ Provided, however, that the
20 school district may deny admittance of persons over twenty-one (21)
21 years of age to its classes.

22 C. The school district or technology center school district may
23 charge such person an amount of tuition not to exceed the average
24 expenditure per pupil of the district for the preceding school year.

1 ~~Said~~ The tuition may be prorated by the number of contact hours for
2 which the person is enrolled.

3 D. A person subject to the provisions of subsection A of this
4 section shall not be required to take the student assessments
5 required by Section 1210.508 of this title.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

7 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
12 February 6, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS
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