

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1040

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school athletics; defining terms;
8 directing school athletic association to establish a
9 new category of competition; permitting certain
10 schools to elect to compete in new category;
11 specifying composition of existing category;
12 prescribing frequency for category election;
13 declaring applicability of election; providing for
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 27-201 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. As used in this section:

20 1. "Schools of restricted enrollment" means schools that:

- 21 a. admit students based on entrance requirements
22 established by the school for admission and
23 enrollment,
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- b. decline enrollment of students based on standards which differ from those established by the State Department of Education,
- c. control enrollment size for the maintenance of a maximum size standard, and
- d. use tuition or costs of attendance as factors for admission and enrollment; and

2. "Schools of unrestricted enrollment" means schools that:

- a. admit all students for enrollment and attendance who live within the established boundaries of the schools,
- b. may accept transfer students who are living outside the established boundaries of the schools,
- c. follow residency rules of the State Department of Education for school district residents and transfer students, and
- d. do not collect tuition and fees for enrollment or attendance.

B. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a school athletic association, as defined in Section 27-102 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall establish a new category of competition for schools of restricted enrollment. Schools of restricted enrollment may elect to compete in the schools of restricted enrollment category by requesting a move pursuant to guidelines determined by the school athletic association.

1 C. The existing alignment of classifications within the school
2 athletic association shall be in a category known as schools of
3 unrestricted and restricted enrollment and shall include schools of
4 unrestricted enrollment and schools of restricted enrollment.
5 Existing standards of enrollment size divisions for classes of
6 competition established by the school athletic association shall
7 remain in effect for the schools of unrestricted and restricted
8 enrollment.

9 D. Schools of restricted enrollment shall elect once every four
10 (4) years in which category they want to compete. The election
11 shall be applicable to all competitions which are governed by the
12 school athletic association.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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