

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 745

By: Gillespie of the Senate

and

Moore of the House

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 5-132), which relates to adult high school completion; extending age of individuals allowed to complete high school; allowing board designees to receive certain school attendance evidence; updating statutory language; allowing a school district that provides a full-time virtual education program to provide instruction to persons up to certain age if the persons receive instruction by certain method; limiting persons who may attend adult high school completion programs; exempting certain students from being included in certain reports; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-132, as
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024,
3 Section 5-132), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 5-132. A. Any person lawfully present in the United
5 States and who is of legal age and a resident of this state, over
6 the age of twenty-one (21) and under the age of ~~twenty-six (26)~~
7 thirty (30), and who has not completed the twelfth grade in school
8 shall be given the same educational privileges and opportunities
9 provided by law for children over the age of five (5) and under the
10 age of twenty-one (21), upon submitting to the board of education of
11 the school district in which the person resides, or the board's
12 designee, evidence satisfactory to that board showing that during
13 the time before he or she was age twenty-one (21) ~~years of age~~ he or
14 she was unable to attend school for a definite period or periods of
15 time, by reason whereof it was impossible for him or her to complete
16 the twelfth grade before reaching the age of twenty-one (21).
17 Provided~~r~~, further, the pupil shall be counted in the average daily
18 attendance of the district where he or she attends school during the
19 period of time provided for in this section for the purpose of
20 calculating State Aid for the district. Provided that, beginning in
21 the 2025-2026 school year, persons applying and approved to attend
22 school in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall
23 only be eligible if such district offers a full-time virtual
24 education program and such persons only utilize the full-time

1 virtual education program option for the completion of their high
2 school education.

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

16 C. A person subject to the provisions of subsection A or B of
17 this section shall not be required to take the student assessments
18 required by Section 1210.508 of this title and shall not be included
19 in the reports required by Sections 1210.545 or 24-120.1 of this
20 title.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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