

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 10, 2026

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1477

By: Seifried

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6 **[students - high school completion - concurrent**
7 **enrollment - effective date -**
8 **emergency]**
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-132, as
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 296, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp.
13 2025, Section 5-132), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 5-132. A. Any person lawfully present in the United
15 States and who is of legal age and a resident of this state, over
16 the age of twenty-one (21) and under the age of thirty (30), except
17 as provided for concurrent enrollment in Section 628.13 of this
18 title, and who has not completed the twelfth grade in school shall
19 be given the same educational privileges and opportunities provided
20 by law for children over the age of five (5) and under the age of
21 twenty-one (21), upon submitting to the board of education of the
22 school district in which the person resides, or the board's
23 designee, evidence satisfactory to that board showing that during
24 the time before he or she was age twenty-one (21) he or she was

1 unable to attend school for a definite period or periods of time, by
2 reason whereof it was impossible for him or her to complete the
3 twelfth grade before reaching the age of twenty-one (21). Provided
4 further, the pupil shall be counted in the average daily attendance
5 of the district where he or she attends school during the period of
6 time provided for in this section for the purpose of calculating
7 State Aid for the district. Provided that, beginning in the 2025-
8 2026 school year, persons applying for and approved to attend school
9 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall only be
10 eligible if such district offers a full-time virtual education
11 program and such persons only utilize the full-time virtual
12 education program option for the completion of their high school
13 education.

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

1 classes ~~which~~ that are a part of the normal class structure of the
2 district.

3 C. A person subject to the provisions of subsection A or B of
4 this section shall not be required to take the student assessments
5 required by Section 1210.508 of this title and shall not be included
6 in the reports required by Section 1210.545 or 24-120.1 of this
7 title.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 628.13, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 628.13. A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
11 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall
12 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or
13 university courses of eligible high school students on high school
14 campuses, on college and university campuses, and via online
15 courses.

16 2. The State Regents and ~~State~~ Board shall establish concurrent
17 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course
18 readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability
19 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all ~~Oklahoma~~
20 high schools in this state.

21 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the
22 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare
23 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features, and
24 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the

1 independent school districts distribute the materials to each
2 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

3 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
4 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise
5 eligible high school student, or a student of who is at least
6 thirteen (13) years of age but not twenty-one (21) years of age or
7 older who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home, who
8 meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any
9 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the
10 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating if the
11 student is at least thirteen (13) years of age but not twenty-one
12 (21) years of age or older.

13 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility
14 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive
15 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a
16 maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in ~~their~~ his or her senior
17 year.

18 2. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
19 program being fully funded, each high school junior who meets the
20 eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled
21 to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident
22 tuition for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in ~~their~~ his or her
23 junior year, subject to the availability of funds.

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1 3. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be
2 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in
3 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program
4 and the number of eligible applicants.

5 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
6 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
7 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
8 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
9 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
10 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
11 higher education course and a course provided by the school
12 district.

13 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
14 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
15 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
16 The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the
17 following information:

18 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
19 enrollment;

20 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
21 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of
22 this section;

23 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in
24 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and

1 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of
2 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's
3 degree at an institution of higher education.

4 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
5 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
6 of Education.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
13 February 10, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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