

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1890

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school activities; creating the Oklahoma Athletics and Activities Commission; providing for appointment of members; requiring initial appointments to be made by certain date; providing for terms of members; requiring organizational meeting to be held by certain date; providing for election of chair and vice chair; providing term limit for chair; allowing members to be removed for cause; providing for filling of vacancies; prohibiting members of the Legislature from being appointed while serving and for certain time period thereafter; providing frequency of meetings; allowing special meetings to be called; providing for quorum; providing for travel reimbursement; subjecting the Commission to certain acts; directing the State Department of Education to provide office space; providing duties of the Commission; directing the Commission to supervise and organize certain activities beginning in certain school year; repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103.2, which relates to participation in certain competitions after certain transfer; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 27-500 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Athletics and
2 Activities Commission to provide supervision, coordination, and
3 regulation for secondary school activities in this state.

4 B. The Commission shall be comprised of:

5 1. Three public school district administrators or athletic
6 directors employed by districts with an average daily membership
7 (ADM) of one thousand five hundred (1,500) students or more,
8 appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
9 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 2. Three public school district administrators or athletic
11 directors employed by districts with an ADM of less than one
12 thousand five hundred (1,500) students, appointed by the Governor,
13 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives;

15 3. Three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in
16 public school districts with an ADM of seven hundred fifty (750)
17 students or more, appointed by the Governor, the President Pro
18 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 4. Three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in
21 public school districts with an ADM of less than seven hundred fifty
22 (750) students, appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore
23 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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1 5. Three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in
2 private schools in this state with an enrollment of three hundred
3 (300) students or more, appointed by the Governor, the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives;

6 6. Three parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in
7 private schools in this state with an enrollment of fewer than three
8 hundred (300) students, appointed by the Governor, the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives; and

11 7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her
12 designee.

13 C. 1. Initial appointments shall be made by August 1, 2026.
14 The Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
16 member for three (3) years, one member for four (4) years, and one
17 member for five (5) years. Members shall serve until a successor is
18 appointed.

19 2. The Commission shall have an organizational meeting by
20 September 1, 2026, during which members shall elect from its
21 membership a chair and vice chair. The Commission shall elect from
22 its membership a chair and vice chair by November 30 every two (2)
23 years thereafter. No member shall serve more than two consecutive
24 terms as chair.

1 3. Members may be removed from the Commission by the appointing
2 authority for cause. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing
3 authority for the unexpired term.

4 D. No member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may
5 be appointed to the Commission while serving as a member of the
6 Legislature or for two (2) years following the expiration of the
7 term of office.

8 E. The Commission shall meet once each month. Special meetings
9 may be called by the chair or by a majority of the members of the
10 Commission. Ten members of the Commission shall constitute a
11 quorum. No business may be transacted at any meeting unless a
12 quorum is present in person or through teleconferencing, and every
13 act of the Commission shall be approved by a majority of the
14 membership of the Commission. Each member of the Commission shall
15 receive necessary traveling expenses while in the performance of
16 duties as a member pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

17 F. The Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
18 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

19 G. The State Department of Education shall provide office space
20 for the operation of the Commission.

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 27-501 of Title 70, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 A. The Oklahoma Athletics and Activities Commission created
2 pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall have supervision of the
3 secondary school activities in this state. Subject to limitations
4 otherwise provided by law, the Commission shall:

5 1. Promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedures
6 Act for the operation, supervision, and regulation of secondary
7 school activities. The rules shall, at a minimum, address
8 eligibility for student participation, usage of athletic facilities,
9 student recruitment, a code of conduct, and disciplinary procedures
10 for violations of the code of conduct;

11 2. Hire and fix the compensation and duties of an Executive
12 Director and other personnel required to carry out the duties of the
13 Commission;

14 3. Have the authority to enter into agreements with private
15 schools for their inclusion in secondary school activities
16 coordinated by the Commission;

17 4. Have the authority to cooperate with and enter into
18 agreements with national athletic associations as may be necessary
19 to promote, organize, or regulate secondary school activities;

20 5. Develop a plan to operate, supervise, and regulate secondary
21 school activities for all public and private schools in this state.
22 The plan shall be electronically submitted to the Governor, the
23 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives by January 30, 2027;

1 6. Purchase or acquire equipment, materials, supplies, and
2 other property, real or personal, as may be necessary for the
3 operation of the Commission;

4 7. Enter into agreements and contracts as necessary with the
5 State Department of Education, boards of education of public school
6 districts, and governing boards of private schools;

7 8. Set fees for public and private school membership and
8 activity participation; and

9 9. Enter into cooperative agreements with one or more other
10 states for the coordination and administration of programs,
11 services, activities, and competitions.

12 B. Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, the Oklahoma
13 Athletics and Activities Commission created pursuant to Section 1 of
14 this act shall supervise and organize all secondary school
15 activities for public and private schools that enter into agreements
16 with the Commission including, but not limited to, categorization of
17 schools, scheduling of all regular season secondary school activity
18 competitions, scheduling of all post-season competitions, hiring and
19 training secondary school activity officials, and athletic facility
20 usage.

21 SECTION 3. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103.2, is
22 hereby repealed.

23 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.
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1 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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