1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	HOUSE BILL 2180 By: Lowe (Dick) of the House
5	and
6	Thompson (Kristen) of the
7	Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	An Act relating to virtual charter schools; amending
11	70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-145.8, which relates to virtual charter school attendance; modifying
12	attendance requirements for virtual charter school alternative education programs; defining term;
13	clarifying timing requirement for completion of instructional activities; authorizing virtual charter
14	school alternative education program to request a certain student waiver; directing office of
15	accreditation to review the request and make a determination; requiring continued attendance while
16	waiver is being reviewed; updating internal references; and providing an effective date.
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
20	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-145.8, is
21	amended to read as follows:
22	Section 3-145.8 A. It shall be the duty of each virtual
23	charter school approved and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual
24	<u>Charter</u> School Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-145.3

of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title to keep a full and complete record of the attendance of all students enrolled in the virtual charter school in one of the student information systems approved by the State Department of Education and locally selected by the virtual school from the approved list.

B. By July 1, 2020, the governing body of each virtual charter
school shall adopt an attendance policy. The policy may allow
attendance to be a proportional amount of the required attendance
policy provisions based upon the date of enrollment of the student.
The attendance policy shall include the following provisions:

The first date of attendance and membership shall be the
 first date the student completes an instructional activity.

13 2. A student who attends a virtual charter school shall be14 considered in attendance for a quarter if the student:

a. completes instructional activities on no less than
ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter,
b. is on pace for on-time completion of the course as
defined by the governing board of the virtual charter
school, or

c. completes no less than seventy-two instructional
activities within the quarter of the academic year.
3. For a student who does not meet any of the criteria set
forth in paragraph 1 or 2 of this subsection, the amount of
attendance recorded shall be the greater of:

- a. the number of school days during which the student
 completed the instructional activities during the
 quarter,
- b. the number of school days proportional to the
 percentage of the course that has been completed, or
 c. the number of school days proportional to the
 percentage of the required minimum number of completed
 instructional activities during the quarter.

9 C. For the purposes of this section, "instructional activities" 10 shall include instructional meetings with a teacher, completed 11 assignments that are used to record a grade for a student that is 12 factored into the student's grade for the semester during which the 13 assignment is completed, testing and school-sanctioned field trips, 14 and orientation.

15 A student enrolled in a virtual charter school alternative D. 16 education program designated by the State Department of Education 17 who attends a full abbreviated school day shall be counted in full 18 attendance for purposes of computing the average daily attendance 19 and average daily membership of the virtual charter school. For 20 purposes of this subsection, "full abbreviated school day" shall 21 mean one hundred eighty-nine (189) hours per quarter or seven 22 hundred fifty-six (756) hours per school year.

<u>E.</u> Each statewide virtual charter school approved and sponsored
 by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board pursuant to the

provisions of Section 3-145.3 of this title shall offer a student orientation, notify the parent or legal guardian and each student who enrolls in that school of the requirement to participate in the student orientation, and require all students enrolled to complete the student orientation prior to completing any other instructional activity. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall promulgate rules to develop materials for orientation.

8 E. F. Any student that who is behind pace and does not complete 9 an instructional activity for a fifteen-school-day period fifteen 10 (15) consecutive days, including weekends, shall be withdrawn for 11 truancy. The virtual charter school shall submit a notification to 12 the parent or legal guardian of a student who has been withdrawn for 13 truancy or is approaching truancy.

14 F. A G. 1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this
15 <u>subsection, a</u> student who is reported for truancy two times in the
16 same school year shall be withdrawn and prohibited from enrolling in
17 the same virtual charter school for the remainder of the school
18 year.

19 <u>2. If a student is enrolled in a virtual charter school</u> 20 <u>alternative education program designated by the State Department of</u> 21 <u>Education, the virtual charter school may request a waiver of the</u> 22 <u>enrollment prohibition from the Department on behalf of a student</u> 23 <u>enrolled at the virtual charter school who is reported for truancy</u> 24 two times in the same school year. The office of accreditation <u>shall review the waiver request and determine whether the student</u>
 <u>should be allowed to continue attending the virtual charter school.</u>
 <u>The student shall continue attending the virtual charter school</u>
 <u>while the waiver is being reviewed and until a final determination</u>
 <u>is made.</u>

6 The governing body of each statewide virtual charter G. H. 7 school shall develop, adopt and post on the school's website a policy regarding consequences for a student's failure to attend 8 9 school and complete instructional activities. The policy shall 10 state, at a minimum, that if a student fails to consistently attend 11 school and complete instructional activities after receiving a 12 notification pursuant to subsection E F of this section and 13 reasonable intervention strategies have been implemented, a student 14 shall be subject to certain consequences including withdrawal from 15 the school for truancy.

16 H. <u>I.</u> If a statewide virtual charter school withdraws a student 17 pursuant to subsections F and G and H of this section, the virtual 18 charter school shall immediately notify the student's resident 19 district in writing of the student's disenrollment.

20 I. J. The provisions of subsections F_r G, H, and H I of this 21 section shall not be in effect until the implementation of 22 subsection H of Section 3-145.3 of this title.

J. K. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board may promulgate
 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

1	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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3	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/22/2023 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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