An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2784

By: Strohm of the House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-114, which relates to student records; deleting requirement to prepare and file duplicate copies of certain student records; deleting requirement to file and permanently retain original copies of student records; directing school districts to compile, maintain and regulate student records in certain manner; authorizing school districts to store records in electronic or paper format; requiring student transcripts to be maintained for certain time period; defining transcript; requiring disposal of certain records within certain time period after graduation, transfer or withdrawal of a student; requiring the State Board of Education to promulgate certain rules regarding notification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Student records

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-114, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-114. <u>A.</u> The governing board <u>of education</u> of each school district in Oklahoma shall require every public school within its jurisdiction to prepare duplicate copies of individual scholastic and other permanent records relating to each pupil enrolled. The duplicate of said records shall be filed in a building separate and apart from the building where the original copy is filed or shall be filed in a fireproof vault designed for the purpose of protecting permanent records. The original copy of said records shall be filed and permanently retained by the respective public schools of this state compile and maintain both temporary and permanent records of students enrolled in the district and regulate access, disclosure or communication of information contained in the student records in a manner consistent with state and federal law.

B. School districts may store all documents and information in student records either electronically or in paper format. Records shall be stored, backed up and secured in accordance with standards and protocol developed by the State Board of Education.

C. The transcript of a student shall be maintained by the school district for not less than eighty (80) years following the graduation, transfer or withdrawal from the district of the student. For purposes of this subsection, "transcript" means the permanent academic record of a student and shall include the name, address, telephone listing and date and place of birth of the student, an inventory of courses taken, all grades received, grade-point averages or class rank, all academic and extracurricular honors and awards received, all degrees conferred and extracurricular or afterschool activities.

D. Except for the transcript records as defined in subsection C of this section, school districts shall dispose of information in a student record at a time selected by the district that is between five (5) years and seven (7) years after the student has graduated, transferred or withdrawn from the district. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules regarding notification to parents or guardians of a student or the student if he or she is eighteen (18) years of age or older of destruction of the records.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval. Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of May, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 19th day of April, 2016.

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