

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 148

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; amending  
8 Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended  
9 by Section 1, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp.  
10 2018, Section 3-145.3), which relates to the powers  
11 and duties of the Statewide Virtual Charter School  
12 Board; directing the transfer of certain students to  
13 be subject to certain provisions beginning with  
14 certain school year; providing an effective date; and  
15 declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L.  
18 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2015 (70  
19 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-145.3), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 3-145.3. A. Subject to the requirements of the  
21 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, the Statewide Virtual Charter School  
22 Board shall:

23 1. Provide oversight of the operations of statewide virtual  
24 charter schools in this state;

25 2. Establish a procedure for accepting, approving and  
26 disapproving statewide virtual charter school applications and a

1 process for renewal or revocation of approved charter school  
2 contracts which minimally meet the procedures set forth in the  
3 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;

4 3. Make publicly available a list of supplemental online  
5 courses which have been reviewed and certified by the Statewide  
6 Virtual Charter School Board to ensure that the courses are high  
7 quality options and are aligned with the subject matter standards  
8 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 11-103.6  
9 of this title. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall  
10 give special emphasis on listing supplemental online courses in  
11 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), foreign language  
12 and advanced placement courses. School districts shall not be  
13 limited to selecting supplemental online courses that have been  
14 reviewed and certified by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board  
15 and listed as provided for in this paragraph; and

16 4. In conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise  
17 Services, negotiate and enter into contracts with supplemental  
18 online course providers to offer a state rate price to school  
19 districts for supplemental online courses that have been reviewed  
20 and certified by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and  
21 listed as provided for in paragraph 3 of this subsection.

22 B. Each statewide virtual charter school which has been  
23 approved and sponsored by the Board or any virtual charter school  
24 for which the Board has assumed sponsorship of as provided for in

1 Section 3-145.5 of this title shall be considered a statewide  
2 virtual charter school and the geographic boundaries of each  
3 statewide virtual charter school shall be the borders of the state.

4 C. Each statewide virtual charter school approved by the  
5 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall be eligible to receive  
6 federal funds generated by students enrolled in the charter school  
7 for the applicable year. Each statewide virtual charter school  
8 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes  
9 of reporting and accountability.

10 D. As calculated as provided for in Section 3-142 of this  
11 title, a statewide virtual charter school shall receive the State  
12 Aid allocation and any other state-appropriated revenue generated by  
13 students enrolled in the virtual charter school for the applicable  
14 year, less up to five percent (5%) of the State Aid allocation,  
15 which may be retained by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board  
16 for administrative expenses and to support the mission of the Board.  
17 A statewide virtual charter school shall be eligible for any other  
18 funding any other charter school is eligible for as provided for in  
19 Section 3-142 of this title. Each statewide virtual charter school  
20 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes  
21 of reporting and accountability.

22 E. Students enrolled full-time in a statewide virtual charter  
23 school sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall  
24 not be authorized to participate in any activities administered by

1 the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. However, the  
2 students may participate in intramural activities sponsored by a  
3 statewide virtual charter school, an online provider for the charter  
4 school or any other outside organization.

5 F. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the transfer of  
6 students into and out of a statewide virtual charter school shall be  
7 subject to the provisions of Section 8-103 of this title.

8 The decision of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board to  
9 deny, nonrenew or terminate the charter contract of a statewide  
10 virtual charter school may be appealed to the State Board of  
11 Education within thirty (30) days of the decision by the Statewide  
12 Virtual Charter School Board. The State Board of Education shall  
13 act on the appeal within sixty (60) days of receipt of the request  
14 from the statewide virtual charter school applicant. The State  
15 Board of Education may reverse the decision of the Statewide Virtual  
16 Charter School Board or may remand the matter back to the Statewide  
17 Virtual Charter School Board for further proceeding as directed.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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