

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 244

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

6 and

7 Jordan of the House

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10 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; directing
11 virtual charter schools to keep attendance records
12 for enrolled students; directing the governing bodies
13 of virtual charter schools to adopt certain policy by
14 certain date; providing criteria for policy;
15 providing definition; requiring a virtual charter
16 school to submit a report upon a student accumulating
17 a certain number of absences; requiring virtual
18 charter schools to develop certain learning plans;
19 requiring the governing bodies of virtual charter
20 schools to develop and adopt certain policy;
21 providing minimum criteria for policy; providing for
22 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;
23 and declaring an emergency.

24 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 3-145.8 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It shall be the duty of each virtual charter school approved
and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual School Board pursuant to the

1 provisions of Section 3-145.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
2 to keep a full and complete record of the attendance of all students
3 enrolled in the virtual charter school.

4 B. By July 1, 2017, the governing body of each virtual charter
5 school shall adopt an attendance policy. The attendance policy
6 shall include the following provisions:

7 1. A student who attends a virtual charter school shall be
8 considered in attendance for a quarter if the student:

9 a. completes instructional activities on no less than
10 ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter,

11 or

12 b. is on pace for on-time completion of the course as
13 defined by the governing board of the virtual charter
14 school.

15 2. For a student who does not meet either of the criteria set
16 forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection, an absence shall be
17 recorded for the school day on which the student did not complete
18 any instructional activities.

19 C. For the purposes of this section, "instructional activities"
20 shall include but not be limited to online logins to curriculum or
21 programs offered by the virtual charter school, offline activities,
22 completed assignments, testing, face-to-face communications with
23 virtual charter school staff or service providers or meetings with
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1 virtual charter school staff or service providers via
2 teleconference, videoconference, email, text or phone.

3 D. The virtual charter school shall submit a report to the
4 parent or legal guardian of a student who has accumulated ten (10)
5 absences.

6 E. 1. Each virtual charter school shall develop a personal
7 learning plan for each student, in coordination with the student and
8 the parents or legal guardians of the student.

9 2. The governing body of each virtual charter school shall
10 develop and adopt a policy regarding failure to participate in
11 instructional activities. The policy shall state, at a minimum,
12 that if a student fails to comply with the personal learning plan
13 after receiving a notification pursuant to subsection D of this
14 section and reasonable opportunity to comply has been provided, a
15 student shall be subject to certain consequences, including removal
16 from the virtual charter school. If the governing body of the
17 virtual charter school decides the student's removal is warranted,
18 the virtual charter school shall provide the parents or legal
19 guardians of the student with a written list of available education
20 options.

21 F. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall promulgate
22 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/05/2017
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