

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL NO. 706

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to the Statewide Virtual Charter
9 School Board; amending Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L.
10 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 293,
11 O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-145.3),
12 which relates to the powers and duties of the
13 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; directing the
14 Board, in conjunction with the Office of Management
15 and Enterprise Services, to enter into certain
16 contracts with certain providers; providing an
17 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L.
20 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2015 (70
21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-145.3), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 2. Establish a procedure for accepting, approving and
2 disapproving statewide virtual charter school applications and a
3 process for renewal or revocation of approved charter school
4 contracts which minimally meet the procedures set forth in the
5 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;

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

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

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1 5. In conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise
2 Services, negotiate and enter into contracts with virtual education
3 providers to offer a state rate price to school districts for a
4 learning management system through which students enrolled in school
5 districts may access full-time virtual education programs.

6 B. Each statewide virtual charter school which has been
7 approved and sponsored by the Board or any virtual charter school
8 for which the Board has assumed sponsorship of as provided for in
9 Section 3-145.5 of this title shall be considered a statewide
10 virtual charter school and the geographic boundaries of each
11 statewide virtual charter school shall be the borders of the state.

12 C. Each statewide virtual charter school approved by the
13 Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall be eligible to receive
14 federal funds generated by students enrolled in the charter school
15 for the applicable year. Each statewide virtual charter school
16 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
17 of reporting and accountability.

18 D. As calculated as provided for in Section 3-142 of this
19 title, a statewide virtual charter school shall receive the State
20 Aid allocation and any other state-appropriated revenue generated by
21 students enrolled in the virtual charter school for the applicable
22 year, less up to five percent (5%) of the State Aid allocation,
23 which may be retained by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
24 for administrative expenses and to support the mission of the Board.

1 A statewide virtual charter school shall be eligible for any other
2 funding any other charter school is eligible for as provided for in
3 Section 3-142 of this title. Each statewide virtual charter school
4 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
5 of reporting and accountability.

6 E. Students enrolled full-time in a statewide virtual charter
7 school sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall
8 not be authorized to participate in any activities administered by
9 the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. However, the
10 students may participate in intramural activities sponsored by a
11 statewide virtual charter school, an online provider for the charter
12 school or any other outside organization.

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

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.
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1 SECTION 3. 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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