

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 27, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 706

5 By: Stanislawski

6 [**Statewide Virtual Charter School Board - powers and**
7 **duties of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board**
8 **- contracts - ~~effective date~~ -**
9 **emergency]**

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 367, O.S.L.
12 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 2015 (70
13 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-145.3), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 3-145.3. A. Subject to the requirements of the
15 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act, the Statewide Virtual Charter School
16 Board shall:

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

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

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

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

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

24

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

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

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

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

8 F. The decision of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board
9 to 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.~~

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
24 February 27, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED