

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 706

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Fincher of the House

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

2. Establish a procedure for accepting, approving and
disapproving statewide virtual charter school applications and a
process for renewal or revocation of approved charter school

1 contracts which minimally meet the procedures set forth in the
2 Oklahoma Charter Schools Act;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 shall be considered a separate local education agency for purposes
2 of reporting and accountability.

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

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

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

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

