

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL NO. 56

By: Sharp

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; amending
8 Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp.
9 2018, Section 3-145.8), which relates to attendance
10 policies for virtual charter schools; updating
11 reference; requiring certain notification to be
12 submitted to a student's resident district; requiring
13 virtual charter schools to submit attendance records
14 to a student's resident district; requiring certain
15 notification for failure to meet certain attendance
16 requirements; requiring notification of the
17 Department of Human Services; requiring notification
18 of the Department of Human Services if certain
19 student does not re-enroll in certain resident
20 district; providing an effective date; and declaring
21 an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L.
24 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3-145.8), is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 Section 3-145.8. A. It shall be the duty of each virtual
27 charter school approved and sponsored by the Statewide Virtual
28 Charter School Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-145.3
29 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title to keep a full and
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1 complete record of the attendance of all students enrolled in the
2 virtual charter school in one of the student information systems
3 approved by the State Department of Education and locally selected
4 by the virtual school from the approved list.

5 B. By July 1, 2018, the governing body of each virtual charter
6 school shall adopt an attendance policy. The policy may allow
7 attendance to be a proportional amount of the required attendance
8 policy provisions based upon the date of enrollment of the student.
9 The attendance policy shall include the following provisions:

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

- 12 a. completes instructional activities on no less than
13 ninety percent (90%) of the days within the quarter,
- 14 b. is on pace for on-time completion of the course as
15 defined by the governing board of the virtual charter
16 school, or
- 17 c. completes no less than forty instructional activities
18 within the quarter of the academic year.

19 2. For a student who does not meet any of the criteria set
20 forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the amount of attendance
21 recorded shall be the greater of:

- 22 a. the number of school days during which the student
23 completed the instructional activities during the
24 quarter,

- 1 b. the number of school days proportional to the
2 percentage of the course that has been completed, or
3 c. the number of school days proportional to the
4 percentage of the required minimum number of completed
5 instructional activities during the quarter.

6 C. For the purposes of this section, "instructional activities"
7 shall include but not be limited to online logins to curriculum or
8 programs offered by the virtual charter school, offline activities,
9 completed assignments, testing, face-to-face communications with
10 virtual charter school staff or service providers or meetings with
11 virtual charter school staff or service providers via
12 teleconference, videoconference, email, text or phone.

13 D. The virtual charter school shall submit a notification to
14 the student's resident district, as determined pursuant to Section
15 1-113 of this title, and the parent or legal guardian of a student
16 who has been withdrawn for truancy or is approaching truancy.

17 E. 1. A virtual charter school shall submit each student's
18 attendance records to the student's resident district.

19 2. If a student enrolled in a virtual charter school fails to
20 meet the attendance requirements set forth in subsection A of this
21 section, the virtual charter school shall submit a notification to
22 the student's resident district. The resident district shall notify
23 the Department of Human Services that the student may not be in
24 compliance with Section 10-105 of this title.

1 3. If a student has been withdrawn from a virtual charter
2 school for truancy or any other reason and has not re-enrolled in
3 the resident district, the resident district shall notify the
4 Department of Human Services that the student may not be in
5 compliance with Section 10-105 of this title.

6 F. The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board may promulgate
7 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

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