

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1408

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8 An Act relating to schools; providing an option for
9 public schools to report the departure of certain
10 students; requiring State Department of Education to
11 create a reporting portal; requiring portal to be
12 available online for public school administrators;
13 amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 35e, which relates to
14 school dropout reports; clarifying language;
15 excluding certain students from the definition of
16 school dropout; providing for codification; providing
17 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-162 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. When a student leaves a public school to attend a private or
23 other school, or to be educated by other means, the public school
24 administrator shall have the option to report the student's
departure has occurred.

1 B. The State Department of Education shall create a portal on
2 its website for public school administrators to report the
3 departures described in subsection A of this section.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 35e, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 35e. A. It shall be the duty of the superintendent,
7 principal or head teacher of each public or private middle, junior
8 high and high school accredited by the State Department of Education
9 in the State of Oklahoma to notify the Department annually as
10 scheduled by the Department of the name, address, race and age of
11 any pupil dropping out from the school during the preceding year.
12 The report shall be made on forms prescribed and furnished by the
13 Department.

14 B. The State Board of Education shall cause these statistics of
15 school dropouts to be tabulated by grade and school district.
16 Information of school dropouts shall be made available to the
17 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, the Bureau
18 of Indian Affairs, the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma
19 for use in the youth educational programs provided by the Department
20 and the State Department of Health.

21 C. The State Department of Education shall make an annual
22 report to the Legislature prior to the convening of each regular
23 session thereof of information received and tabulated pursuant to
24 this section.

1 D. For the purposes of this section, "school dropout" means any
2 student who is under the age of nineteen (19) and has not graduated
3 from high school and is not attending any public or private school
4 or is not otherwise receiving an education pursuant to law for the
5 full term the schools of the school district in which the student
6 resides are in session. School dropouts shall not include students
7 whose departures have been reported in accordance with Section 1 of
8 this act.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

10 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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