

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR ENGROSSED

6 SENATE BILL NO. 745

By: Gillespie of the Senate

and

Moore of the House

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10 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

11 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
12 Section 5-132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 162,
13 O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 5-132),
14 which relates to adult high school completion;
15 extending age of individuals allowed to complete high
16 school; allowing board designees to receive certain
17 school attendance evidence; updating statutory
18 language; allowing a school district that provides a
19 full-time virtual education program to provide
20 instruction to persons up to certain age if the
21 persons receive instruction by certain method;
22 limiting persons who may attend adult high school
23 completion programs; exempting certain students from
24 being included in certain reports; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-132, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024,
Section 5-132), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5-132. A. Any person who is of legal age and a
2 resident of this state, over the age of twenty-one (21) and under
3 the age of ~~twenty-six (26)~~ thirty (30), and who has not completed
4 the twelfth grade in school shall be given the same educational
5 privileges and opportunities provided by law for children over the
6 age of five (5) and under the age of twenty-one (21), upon
7 submitting to the board of education of the school district in which
8 the person resides, or the board's designee, evidence satisfactory
9 to that board showing that during the time before he or she was age
10 twenty-one (21) ~~years of age~~ he or she was unable to attend school
11 for a definite period or periods of time, by reason whereof it was
12 impossible for him or her to complete the twelfth grade before
13 reaching the age of twenty-one (21). Provided, further, the pupil
14 shall be counted in the average daily attendance of the district
15 where he or she attends school during the period of time provided
16 for in this section for the purpose of calculating State Aid for the
17 district. Provided that, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year,
18 persons applying and approved to attend school in accordance with
19 the provisions of this subsection shall only be eligible if such
20 district offers a full-time virtual education program and such
21 persons only utilize the full-time virtual education program option
22 for the completion of their high school education.

23 B. Any person lawfully present in the United States and
24 resident of the state who is age nineteen (19) ~~years of age~~ or

1 older, who is not enrolled in any high school program, and who has
2 not completed the twelfth grade may attend any adult high school
3 completion program which is established by a school district and
4 approved by the State Board of Career and Technology Education if
5 such attendance has the approval of the district offering the
6 program. Such attendance shall not be counted in the average daily
7 attendance of the district unless the Legislature appropriates
8 monies for adult high school completion programs. Such attendance
9 shall not be counted to meet minimum numbers for accreditation of
10 the school district involved, and such students shall not attend
11 classes which are a part of the normal class structure of the
12 district.

13 C. A person subject to the provisions of subsection A or B of
14 this section shall not be required to take the student assessments
15 required by Section 1210.508 of this title and shall not be included
16 in the reports required by Sections 1210.545 or 24-120.1 of this
17 title.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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.

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