

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1408

By: Grego of the House

and

Stanley of the Senate

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

A.   When a student leaves a public school to attend a private or  
other school, or to be educated by other means, the public school

1 administrator shall have the option to report the student's  
2 departure has occurred.

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

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

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

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

23 C. The State Department of Education shall make an annual  
24 report to the Legislature prior to the convening of each regular

1 session thereof of information received and tabulated pursuant to  
2 this section.

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

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

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

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OVERSIGHT, dated  
18 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended.  
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