

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2254

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring parents to
8 submit a letter of intent with the school district
9 when choosing certain schooling options; prescribing
10 letter of intent requirements; requiring subsequent
11 letter of intent under certain circumstances;
12 requiring the State Department of Education to create
13 a database of certain schooling personnel; defining
14 terms; providing for codification; providing an
15 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

20 A. On or before the school district start date, parents making
21 the decision to choose homeschooling, podschooling, or
22 microschooning shall submit a letter of intent to the State
23 Department of Education. The letter of intent shall include the
24 parent's or parents' names, the child's or children's names, the
home address, the names of any other individuals living within the
home, the names of any associated individuals or organizations

1 assisting with the child's or children's schooling, and a brief
2 statement for the decision of schooling.

3 B. Any change to or from the decision to homeschool, podschool,
4 microschool, or change school districts, whether a result of a move
5 or otherwise, shall require a subsequent letter of intent containing
6 the information outlined in subsection A of this section.

7 C. The State Department of Education shall compile a database
8 of individuals, facilities, and organizations that perform and
9 assist with homeschooling, podschooning, or microschooning.

10 D. For purposes of this section:

11 1. "Microschool" means a school initiated by one or more
12 teachers or an entity created to operate a school that charges
13 tuition for the students who enroll and is an alternative to
14 enrolling in a public school, private school, homeschool, or
15 podschool; and

16 2. "Podschool" means a voluntary association of parents
17 choosing to group their children together to participate in their
18 elementary or secondary academic studies as an alternative to
19 enrolling in a public school, private school, homeschool, or
20 microschool, including participation in an activity or service
21 provided to the children in exchange for payment.

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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