

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 745

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 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), which relates to adult high school completion; extending age of individuals allowed to complete high school; updating statutory language; allowing a school district that provides a full-time virtual education program to provide instruction to persons up to certain age if the persons receive instruction by certain method; exempting certain students from 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:

Section 5-132. A. Any person who is of legal age and a resident of this state, over the age of twenty-one (21) and under the age of ~~twenty-six (26)~~ thirty (30), and who has not completed the twelfth grade in school shall be given the same educational privileges and opportunities provided by law for children over the age of five (5) and under the age of twenty-one (21), upon submitting to the board

1 of education of the school district in which the person resides  
2 evidence satisfactory to that board showing that during the time  
3 before he or she was age twenty-one (21) ~~years of age~~ he or she was  
4 unable to attend school for a definite period or periods of time, by  
5 reason whereof it was impossible for him or her to complete the  
6 twelfth grade before reaching the age of twenty-one (21). Provided,  
7 further, the pupil shall be counted in the average daily attendance  
8 of the district where he or she attends school during the period of  
9 time provided for in this section for the purpose of calculating  
10 State Aid for the district. Provided that, beginning in the 2025-  
11 2026 school year, persons applying and approved to attend school in  
12 accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall only be  
13 eligible if such district offers a full-time virtual education  
14 program and such persons only utilize the full-time virtual  
15 education program option for the completion of their high school  
16 education.

17 B. Any resident of the state who is age nineteen (19) ~~years of~~  
18 ~~age~~ or older, who is not enrolled in any high school program, and  
19 who has not completed the twelfth grade may attend any adult high  
20 school completion program which is established by a school district  
21 and approved by the State Board of Career and Technology Education  
22 if such attendance has the approval of the district offering the  
23 program. Such attendance shall not be counted in the average daily  
24 attendance of the district unless the Legislature appropriates

monies for adult high school completion programs. Such attendance shall not be counted to meet minimum numbers for accreditation of the school district involved, and such students shall not attend classes which are a part of the normal class structure of the district.

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

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

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

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