

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 745

3 By: Gillespie of the Senate

4 and

5 Moore of the House

6 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 5-132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 162,
8 O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 5-132),
9 which relates to adult high school completion;
10 extending age of individuals allowed to complete high
11 school; updating statutory language; allowing a
12 school district that provides a full-time virtual
13 education program to provide instruction to persons
14 up to certain age if the persons receive instruction
15 by certain method; exempting certain students from
16 being included in certain reports; providing an
17 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

22 Section 5-132. A. Any person who is of legal age and a
23 resident of this state, over the age of twenty-one (21) and under
24 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 of education of the school district in which

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

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

1 shall not be counted to meet minimum numbers for accreditation of
2 the school district involved, and such students shall not attend
3 classes which are a part of the normal class structure of the
4 district.

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

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

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

15 Passed the Senate the 27th day of March, 2025.

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18 Presiding Officer of the Senate
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20 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
21 2025.
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