

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

2 TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 745

By: Gillespie of the Senate

3 and

4 Moore of the House

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

19 AUTHOR: Add the following House coauthor: West (Tammy)

20 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
21 and insert:

22 "An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
23 Section 5-132, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 162,
24 O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 5-132),
which relates to adult high school completion;
modifying qualifications that authorizes certain
persons to complete high school; allowing board
designees to receive certain school attendance

1 evidence; updating statutory language; allowing a
2 school district that provides a full-time virtual
3 education program to provide instruction to persons
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

11 Section 5-132. A. Any person lawfully present in the United
12 States and who is of legal age and a resident of this state, over
13 the age of twenty-one (21) and under the age of twenty-six (26)
14 thirty (30), and who has not completed the twelfth grade in school
15 shall be given the same educational privileges and opportunities
16 provided by law for children over the age of five (5) and under the
17 age of twenty-one (21), upon submitting to the board of education of
18 the school district in which the person resides, or the board's
19 designee, evidence satisfactory to that board showing that during
20 the time before he or she was age twenty-one (21) years of age he or
21 she was unable to attend school for a definite period or periods of
22 time, by reason whereof it was impossible for him or her to complete
23 the twelfth grade before reaching the age of twenty-one (21).
24 Provided, further, the pupil shall be counted in the average daily

1 attendance of the district where he or she attends school during the
2 period of time provided for in this section for the purpose of
3 calculating State Aid for the district. Provided that, beginning in
4 the 2025-2026 school year, persons applying for and approved to
5 attend school in accordance with the provisions of this subsection
6 shall only be eligible if such district offers a full-time virtual
7 education program and such persons only utilize the full-time
8 virtual education program option for the completion of their high
9 school education.

10 B. Any resident of the state who is age nineteen (19) years of
11 age or older, who is not enrolled in any high school program, and
12 who has not completed the twelfth grade may attend any adult high
13 school completion program which is established by a school district
14 and approved by the State Board of Career and Technology Education
15 if such attendance has the approval of the district offering the
16 program. Such attendance shall not be counted in the average daily
17 attendance of the district unless the Legislature appropriates
18 monies for adult high school completion programs. Such attendance
19 shall not be counted to meet minimum numbers for accreditation of
20 the school district involved, and such students shall not attend
21 classes which are a part of the normal class structure of the
22 district.

23 C. A person subject to the provisions of subsection A or B of
24 this section shall not be required to take the student assessments

1 required by Section 1210.508 of this title and shall not be included
2 in the reports required by Section 1210.545 or 24-120.1 of this
3 title.

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

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

9 Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of May, 2025.

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12 Presiding Officer of the House of
13 Representatives
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15 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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9 purpose of calculating State Aid for the district. Provided that,
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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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