

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 25, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 745

By: Gillespie of the Senate

and

Moore of the House

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~~ 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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