

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 35. STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE
LEVEL, SECONDARY, AND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS**

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- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed amendments to 210:35-1-4 updates and clarifies the rule pertaining to regulations eligible for deregulation. In addition, the proposed changes to accreditation standards in Subchapters 3, 5, 7, and 9 revoke the lists of rules pertaining to accreditation standards eligible for deregulation. The proposed revocation of the rules is necessary to bring the rules into compliance with the new provisions of the School District Empowerment Program at 70 O.S. § 3-129.11 added in 2013 by HB 2131. In addition, the proposed revocation is necessary because use of the lengthy rulemaking process is unfeasible to maintain current and updated lists of rules eligible for deregulation. The list of rules eligible for deregulation is out of date and includes numerous citations to subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of rules which no longer exist.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will affect public school students and their parents/legal guardians, public school districts, and public school administrators and teachers.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit public school students and their parents/legal guardians, public school districts, and public school administrators and teachers.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

k. **Date Prepared:** December 6, 2013.