

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 777. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
CHAPTER 10. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL
SUBCHAPTER 5. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The purpose of the new proposed rule is to clarify the circumstances under which a statewide virtual charter school may provide face-to-face instruction to enrolled students and to ensure that facilities at which statewide virtual charter schools may provide in-person instruction to enrolled students are safe environments for students. In addition, the proposed rule is necessary to clarify the requirements for obtaining funding for transport of children to statewide virtual charter school facilities in the unique full-time virtual charter school environment.
- 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 statewide virtual charter schools and their employees and students enrolled in statewide virtual charter schools.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit students enrolled in statewide virtual charter schools and their parents/legal guardians.
- 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 proposed rule is necessary to ensure that when statewide virtual charter schools provide in-person services to enrolled students at charter school sites, such services are provided in facilities that are subject to the same health and safety regulations applicable to public school facilities, thereby reducing the risk of injury to students.

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

The proposed rule is designed to reduce risk of injury to students who receive in-person instruction at unregulated charter school facilities. Consequently, the agency anticipates that failure to implement the proposed rule may result in increased risk of injury to students who are transported to and receive instruction at statewide virtual charter school sites outside of their homes.

k. **Date Prepared:** October 1, 2014