

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**TITLE 777. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD**

**CHAPTER 10. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
**SUBCHAPTER 3. STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATION**  
**AND SPONSORSHIP**

a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The proposed new rule at 777:10-3-1 sets forth a general purpose statement for the subchapter in accordance with the requirements of 655:10-3-48.

The proposed new rule at 777:10-3-3 establishes procedures for submission and disposition of applications for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools submitted to the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; establishes procedures for renewals of contracts for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; and establishes procedures for termination of contracts for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

The proposed new rules are necessary to implement recent amendments to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act during the 2013 legislative session. SB 267 amended 70 O.S. §§ 3-132, 3-140, and 3-145.1 to provide that the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board shall have the sole authority to authorize and sponsor statewide virtual charter schools. In addition, the amendment to 70 O.S. § 3-145.3 directs the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board to establish procedures for acceptance, approval, and disapproval of statewide virtual charter school applications in accordance with the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act.

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 applicants who seek sponsorship of a statewide virtual charter school by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; governing bodies and administrators of statewide virtual charter schools, teachers and other staff employed by statewide virtual charter schools, students enrolled in statewide virtual charter schools and parents of those students..

c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will benefit applicants who seek sponsorship of a statewide virtual charter school by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board; governing bodies and administrators of statewide virtual charter schools, teachers and other staff employed by statewide virtual charter schools, students enrolled in statewide virtual charter schools and parents of those students.

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 additional 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 16, 2013.