

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CHAPTER 25. FINANCE

SUBCHAPTER 3. FUNDING CRITERIA

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed amendment removes language that too broadly states the eligibility of certain teachers for credit for years of teaching service. Certified teachers employed by charter schools are eligible to accrue years of service in the same manner as teachers in traditional public schools, although the minimum salary schedule itself does not apply to charter schools. However, some Statewide Virtual Charter Schools do not directly contract with their teachers and instead contract with a third party education services provider which employs the teachers. Because teachers who work for these third party contractors are not actually employees of the school, years of service cannot be counted for these indirectly employed teachers. The amendment is necessary because the language of subsection (o) is overbroad, implying that all teachers at Statewide Virtual Charter Schools are eligible for years of service credit regardless of their employment status. Certified teachers who contract directly with Statewide Virtual Charter Schools are and will remain eligible for credit for years of service, but striking the problematic language from the rule will prevent confusion over eligibility.
- 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 teachers at statewide virtual charter schools.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit teachers directly employed by statewide virtual charter schools.
- 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 failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.
- k. **Date Prepared:** October 8, 2015