

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:10-13-23

"Emergency exemptions from assessments required by the Oklahoma School Testing Program" [AMENDED]

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

This is the proposed permanent version of an emergency rule currently in effect. The rule that governs Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) emergency medical exemptions for students is being amended to provide specific guidance for a large-scale public health emergency such as the current COVID-19 outbreak. The added content provides: "In the event of an emergency declared by a federal or state government entity that impacts the operation of public schools in Oklahoma, or upon an action taken by the State Board of Education declaring such an emergency, the State Department of Education shall be authorized to approve emergency medical exemptions from OSTP assessment requirements for all students whose ability to test is compromised by the emergency conditions. If a state of emergency suspends, interrupts, or otherwise substantially affects public school operations during the state testing window, the State Department of Education shall be authorized to approve general medical exemptions from OSTP assessments for all affected students."

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 rule change will affect students impacted by a state of emergency such as a public health crisis, and in case of systemic closures due to such an emergency, all students affected by such closures.

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

The rule change will benefit all students impacted by a state of emergency such as a public health crisis, and in case of systemic closures, all students affected by such closures.

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 political subdivisions or affected classes 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 20, 2020