

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:10-13-25

"Determination of chronic absenteeism indicator" [NEW]

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

The Oklahoma school accountability system developed in accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) is required under 70 O.S. § 1210.545 to include an indicator on the school report card associated with chronic absenteeism. In school years 2017-18 and 2018-19, the accountability statute provided that through administrative rules the State Board of Education would oversee a process for considering schools' requests for medical exemptions from chronic absenteeism for students with significant qualifying medical conditions. Pursuant to House Bill 1988 (2019), the rule mandate placing medical exemption authority at the state level was revoked, and the accompanying rule is being revoked as well. This new proposed rule authorizes school districts to develop chronic absenteeism medical exemption policies at the local level, which are to be developed in accordance with the guidelines laid out in the rule.

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 school districts and charter schools.

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

The rule change will benefit school districts and charter schools by providing for district-level determinations of chronic absenteeism medical exemption status based on the guidelines in the rule.

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:** November 12, 2019