

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:10-13-25

"Determination of the chronic absenteeism indicator" [NEW]

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 grants school districts the authority to establish local policies for determining whether certain student absences are eligible for medical exemptions from the chronic absenteeism indicator used in the school accountability system. Specific to public health emergencies and similar large-scale emergencies, the rule 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 Oklahoma school accountability system shall make any appropriate accommodations authorized under federal law to mitigate the effects of the emergency on school accountability determinations for the affected school year(s). Student absences related to a state of emergency shall not be included in the calculation of the chronic absenteeism indicator. If there is any period of time during a state of emergency when public school operations are suspended, interrupted, or otherwise affected by the emergency conditions, the affected dates shall be excluded from the calculation of the chronic absenteeism indicator."

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 public schools impacted by a state of emergency's effects on student attendance or school closure.

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

The rule change will benefit public schools impacted by a state of emergency's effects on student attendance or school closure, by ensuring the emergency conditions do not negatively impact school accountability determinations for the affected school year(s).

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