

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 emergency rule at 777:10-3-3 establishes procedures for submission and disposition of applications for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board. The proposed rule also establishes procedures for renewals of contracts for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board and procedures for termination of contracts for sponsorship of statewide virtual charter schools by the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board. The proposed emergency rule contains the same language in the permanent rule at 777:10-3-3 finally adopted on June 19, 2014, but adds additional language necessary to clarify that the due process provisions set forth in the new permanent rule at 777:10-3-3(f), are applicable to statewide virtual charter schools assumed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of 70 O.S. § 3-145.5 and the accompanying emergency rule at 777:10-3-5, which was signed by the Governor on July 1, 2014.

The proposed emergency rule is necessary as an emergency measure to ensure that sufficient policies and procedures governing application, renewals, and nonrenewal/termination of statewide virtual charter schools are in place until the new permanent rule at 777:10-3-3 goes into effect on September 12, 2014. Further, the additional language at 777:10-3-3(f) is necessary as an emergency measure to ensure that statewide virtual charter schools assumed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of 70 O.S. § 3-145.5 and the accompanying emergency rule at 777:10-3-5 are provided with appropriate due process mechanisms in the event of contract termination.

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:** July 7, 2014.