

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 35. STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE LEVEL, SECONDARY, AND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOOLS SUBCHAPTER 29. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ACADEMIES, PROGRAMS, AND SCHOOLS

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
The proposed rules provide additional guidance regarding alternative education programs, and made updates pursuant to statutory changes. The definition of an abbreviated day schedule for alternative education programs is amended to reflect House Bill 1864's addition of a 1,080 hour school year option to 70 O.S. §§ 1-109 and 1-111, as an alternative to the 180 day school year. The rules provide flexibility to school districts in structuring an alternative education program by adding a total hours per school year option in addition to the abbreviated hours-per-day option previously codified. The rules also establish additional definitions, and outline statutory requirements for alternative education programs.
- 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 school districts and students in alternative education programs.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**
The proposed changes will benefit school districts and students in alternative education programs.
- 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:** February 12, 2015