

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:10-13-24

**TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 10. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
SUBCHAPTER 13. STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

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

The State Board of Education and the Oklahoma Legislature have approved a new public school accountability system in compliance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), which includes chronic absenteeism as one of the indicators used in calculating the school report cards required under 70 O.S. § 1210.545. House Bill 1693 (2017) directs the State Board of Education to "promulgate rules regarding the school site report card that grant a medical exemption from the eighteen-day chronic absenteeism provision." The proposed rule establishes guidelines for this medical exemption.

The proposed medical exemption would be available to apply to the qualifying absences of students who meet the rule's criteria for a "significant medical condition". The exemption is not for all medically excused absences, but only for those related to a condition that seriously incapacitates a student for an extended time, or absences necessary to receive treatment for a chronic condition (e.g., chemotherapy, dialysis, or similar recurring treatment needs). The exemption would also be available for absences related to a death in the student's immediate family, or certain other catastrophic events like a serious assault on the student. Schools applying for an exemption under these provisions will be required to submit an application that includes medical documentation of the condition, and the applications will be reviewed by a committee of OSDE personnel in the same manner as applications for emergency medical exemptions from Oklahoma School Testing Program assessments.

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 change will affect schools attended by students who meet the criteria for exemption of certain qualifying absences, as exempt absences will not be included in the chronic absenteeism data for the school's accountability calculations.

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

The proposed change will benefit schools attended by students who meet the criteria for exemption of certain qualifying absences, because absences approved for exemption will not be included in the chronic absenteeism data for the school's accountability calculations.

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:** February 8, 2018