

## RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

### TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 15. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION SUBCHAPTER 11. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**  
House Bill 2404 (2016) added a new provision to the statute on free attendance at public schools. 70 O.S. § 1-114(B)(3) directs the State Board of Education to promulgate a rule creating exemptions to the maximum age at which a child may attend an early childhood (prekindergarten or "pre-k") program. The proposed rule provides that school districts are authorized to adopt policies providing for exemptions to the maximum age limit for enrollment in the district's early childhood programs. Under the proposed rule, school districts are encouraged to consider exemptions guidelines that take into consideration that young children may differ in developmental age due to factors including, but not limited to, premature birth and serious illness or injury during childhood.
- 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 school districts and students who qualify for age exemptions under district policies.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**  
The proposed changes will benefit school districts and students who qualify for age exemptions.
- 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:** September 27, 2016