

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 HOUSE BILL 3369

 By: Echols of the House

5 and

6 **David** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 **[schools - charter school funding - decreasing**
11 **certain percentage of State Aid allocation that may**
12 **be retained by charter school sponsors - effective**
13 **date]**

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-142, as
18 last amended by Section 6, Chapter 170, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp.
19 2019, Section 3-142), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 3-142. A. For purposes of funding, a charter school
21 sponsored by a board of education of a school district shall be
22 considered a site within the school district in which the charter
23 school is located. The student membership of the charter school
24 shall be considered separate from the student membership of the

1 district in which the charter school is located for the purpose of
2 calculating weighted average daily membership pursuant to Section
3 18-201.1 of this title and State Aid pursuant to Section 18-200.1 of
4 this title. For charter schools sponsored by a board of education
5 of a school district, the sum of the separate calculations for the
6 charter school and the school district shall be used to determine
7 the total State Aid allocation for the district in which the charter
8 school is located. A charter school shall receive from the
9 sponsoring school district, the State Aid allocation and any other
10 state-appropriated revenue generated by its students for the
11 applicable year, less up to ~~five percent (5%)~~ three percent (3%) of
12 the State Aid allocation, which may be retained by the school
13 district as a fee for administrative services rendered. For charter
14 schools sponsored by the board of education of a technology center
15 school district, a higher education institution, the State Board of
16 Education, or a federally recognized Indian tribe and for statewide
17 virtual charter schools sponsored by the Statewide Virtual Charter
18 School Board, the State Aid allocation for the charter school shall
19 be distributed by the State Board of Education and not more than
20 ~~five percent (5%)~~ three percent (3%) of the State Aid allocation may
21 be charged by the sponsor as a fee for administrative services
22 rendered. The State Board of Education shall determine the policy
23 and procedure for making payments to a charter school. The fee for
24 administrative services as authorized in this subsection shall only

1 be assessed on the State Aid allocation amount and shall not be
2 assessed on any other appropriated amounts. A sponsor of a charter
3 school shall not retain any additional State Aid allocation or
4 charge the charter school any additional fee above the amounts
5 allowed by this subsection unless the additional fees are for
6 additional services rendered. The charter school sponsor shall
7 provide to the State Department of Education financial records
8 documenting any state funds retained by the sponsor for
9 administrative services rendered for the previous year.

10 B. 1. The weighted average daily membership for the first year
11 of operation of a charter school shall be determined initially by
12 multiplying the actual enrollment of students as of August 1 by
13 1.333. The charter school shall receive revenue equal to that which
14 would be generated by the estimated weighted average daily
15 membership calculated pursuant to this paragraph. At midyear, the
16 allocation for the charter school shall be adjusted using the first
17 quarter weighted average daily membership for the charter school
18 calculated pursuant to subsection A of this section.

19 2. For the purpose of calculating weighted average daily
20 membership pursuant to Section 18-201.1 of this title and State Aid
21 pursuant to Section 18-200.1 of this title, the weighted average
22 daily membership for the first year of operation and each year
23 thereafter of a full-time virtual charter school shall be determined
24 by multiplying the actual enrollment of students as of August 1 by

1 1.333. The full-time virtual charter school shall receive revenue
2 equal to that which would be generated by the estimated weighted
3 average daily membership calculated pursuant to this paragraph. At
4 midyear, the allocation for the full-time virtual charter school
5 shall be adjusted using the first quarter weighted average daily
6 membership for the virtual charter school calculated pursuant to
7 subsection A of this section.

8 C. A charter school shall be eligible to receive any other aid,
9 grants or revenues allowed to other schools. A charter school
10 sponsored by the board of education of a technology center school
11 district, a higher education institution, the State Board of
12 Education, or a federally recognized Indian tribe shall be
13 considered a local education agency for purposes of funding. A
14 charter school sponsored by a board of education of a school
15 district shall be considered a local education agency for purposes
16 of federal funding.

17 D. A charter school, in addition to the money received from the
18 state, may receive money from any other source. Any unexpended
19 funds may be reserved and used for future purposes. The governing
20 body of a charter school shall not levy taxes or issue bonds. If
21 otherwise allowed by law, the governing body of a charter school may
22 enter into private contracts for the purposes of borrowing money
23 from lenders. If the governing body of the charter school borrows
24 money, the charter school shall be solely responsible for repaying

1 the debt, and the state or the sponsor shall not in any way be
2 responsible or obligated to repay the debt.

3 E. Any charter school which chooses to lease property shall be
4 eligible to receive current government lease rates.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
8 02/20/2020 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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