TITLE 780. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
CHAPTER 20. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Subchapter 3. Secondary, Full-Time and Short-Term Adult Careertech Programs
780:20-3-1. Administration and supervision [AMENDED]
780:20-3-2. Programs: admissions, operations, enrollment, and length [AMENDED]
780:20-3-5. Career and Technology Student Organizations [AMENDED]

A. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rule.

The proposed amendments to Subchapter 3 clarify requirements for technology center participation in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and Section 504 planning processes. The amendments establish that technology center representatives shall participate in the IEP/504 planning process to ensure appropriate accommodations and services are identified and implemented in a timely manner. Additionally, the amendments require CareerTech instructors to have access to a student's IEP/504 Plan immediately following acceptance into a program, rather than prior to program entry. This change clarifies the timing of access, helps prevent potential discrimination during the admissions process, and provides sufficient time to plan and implement necessary accommodations.

The proposed amendments to Chapter 20 make previously adopted emergency rules permanent and update provisions related to Agricultural Education, consistent with 70 O.S. § 14-108.2, including expanded program offerings and clarification of planning and supervisory periods. Additional amendments clarify program requirements, teacher contracts, and CareerTech Student Organization expectations. Health Careers is renamed Health Science to align with national terminology, and provisions related to Adult Training and Development in comprehensive schools and Alternate Trade and Industrial Education programs are removed because these programs are no longer offered.

The amendments also require Department approval for exceptions to minimum and maximum program enrollment requirements and incorporate CareerTech Student Organization mission statements to strengthen alignment with their respective instructional programs. Additional technical and procedural revisions improve clarity, consistency, and organization throughout Chapter 20.

Supporting Authority: Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education; 70 O.S. § 14-103, § 14-103.1, § 14-103.2, § 14-104, and § 14-108.2, as amended.

B. Classification of the rule as major or nonmajor, with a justification for the classification, including an estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, state or local government units, or individuals and a determination of whether those costs will exceed One Million Dollars

($1,000,000.00) over the initial five-year period following the promulgation of the proposed rule. Provided, if the costs exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00), the agency shall classify the rule as a major rule.

The proposed rule changes are nonmajor. There are no foreseen economic impacts in the implementation and enforcement/compliance of the proposed rules.

C. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

The proposed rule amendments may affect Oklahoma technology center districts, comprehensive school districts, school administrators, instructional personnel, students, and parents. The amendments primarily clarify existing requirements, update program terminology, and establish consistency in administrative procedures. Any associated implementation costs are anticipated to be minimal and generally absorbed through existing district personnel and resources. No significant additional financial burden is anticipated for affected individuals or entities. The agency has not received information from public or private entities identifying additional cost impacts associated with the proposed amendments.

D. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule.

The proposed rule amendments will benefit students, parents, technology center districts, comprehensive school districts, school administrators, and instructional personnel. Students, particularly those with IEPs or Section 504 Plans, will benefit from improved coordination and timely implementation of accommodations and services. School districts and personnel will benefit from clearer expectations, updated program requirements, and consistent administrative procedures. The amendments will also support expanded educational opportunities and improved alignment of CareerTech programs and student organizations.

E. A description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change.

There is no known economic impact on any class of persons because of the proposed rule amendments.

F. Probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of

revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency.

The proposed rule amendments are not anticipated to result in significant additional implementation or enforcement costs to the agency or other state agencies. Existing personnel, resources, and appropriated funds will be utilized to administer and enforce the amended requirements. The amendments are expected to improve administrative consistency, clarify program expectations, and strengthen coordination of student services. No significant impact on state revenues is anticipated, and no measurable net gain or loss in state revenues is projected.

G. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule.

There is no known economic impact to any political subdivision, nor does it require cooperation in implementing or enforcing the proposed rule amendments.

H. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

There is no known adverse economic impact on small business because of the proposed rule amendments as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

I. Explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

The agency has sought to minimize compliance costs by clarifying existing requirements, aligning rule language with current practices, and utilizing established administrative and instructional procedures. The amendments are designed to improve consistency without imposing significant additional operational or reporting requirements. Existing district personnel and resources may be utilized for implementation. Non-regulatory guidance alone would not provide the same level of consistency and enforceability. No less costly or less intrusive alternatives have been identified that would adequately achieve the intended purpose of the amendments.

J. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule is designated to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment, and

explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce that risk.

The proposed rule amendments have no known effect on public health, safety, and environment.

K. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented.

The proposed amendments will not have a detrimental effect on public health, safety and environment if not implemented.

L. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

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