

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 148

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to special education; directing each  
8 school district to create a special education  
9 advisory council; providing for membership; requiring  
10 certain portion of council to be certain parents or  
11 legal guardians; requiring appointments by certain  
12 date; providing for election of chair and vice chair;  
13 requiring meeting to be called by certain date;  
14 providing for staff support; subjecting meetings to  
15 certain act; providing duties of the council;  
16 providing for codification; providing an effective  
17 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-117 of Title 70, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. For the purpose of increasing involvement of parents and  
23 legal guardians of students with disabilities in school district  
24 board of education policy making and decision making, each school  
25 district shall create a special education advisory council. The  
26 council shall consist of at least three (3) but no more than eleven  
27 (11) members. The board of education shall appoint all members, at

1 least one-half of whom shall be parents or legal guardians of  
2 students with disabilities. Members shall be appointed no later  
3 than September 15 of each school year for two-year terms. At the  
4 first meeting, the council shall elect a chair and vice chair.

5 B. A meeting of the special education advisory council shall be  
6 called by the school district superintendent no later than October 1  
7 of each year for the purpose of addressing special education issues.  
8 The council may meet at other times as necessary in a meeting space  
9 furnished by the district. The district shall provide staff support  
10 for the council. All council meetings shall be subject to the  
11 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

12 C. The duties of the special education advisory council shall  
13 be to assist in the formulation of district goals for students with  
14 disabilities, to advise the school district on matters relating to  
15 continuous program improvement efforts as they pertain to special  
16 education, and to provide community-wide support to families with  
17 students in the district's special education programs.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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