



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: April 1, 2024

Re: HB 1006

Signed: March 26, 2024

Effective: 90 days Sine Die Adjournment (currently scheduled for May 31, 2024)

Topic: Student Absences and 4-H Activities and Programs Attendance

Summary: This bill amends existing law (70 O.S. § 1-111) to specifically provide for excused absences for scheduled 4-H activities or programs approved by the county 4-H educator. The bill provides that the number of excused absences allowed shall be subject to the attendance policy of the school district's board of education. The bill specifies that documentation of a student's participation in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H shall be provided by a 4-H educator upon request from a school principal or attendance officer.

The bill requires students be given the opportunity to make up any schoolwork missed while they are participating in activities or programs sponsored by 4-H. Students shall not have their class grades adversely affected for lack of attendance or participation due to their participation in activities or programs sponsored by 4-H.

A school principal (or designee) shall not credit a student who participates in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H with an excused absence if the participation occurs during:

- a. the schedule established by the State Board of Education for the administration of statewide student assessments, or
- b. any period of time for which the student has been disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if the terms of punishment would preclude the student from participating in an educational field trip or extracurricular activity.



Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.