

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1105

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WIDENER and FERGUSON of  
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and

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AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 6,  
CHAPTER 2, O.S.L. SUPP. 1989, AS AMENDED BY SECTION  
67, CHAPTER 263, O.S.L. 1990 AND 70 O.S. 1981,  
SECTION 24-119, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 6, CHAPTER  
326, O.S.L. 1982 (70 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 11-  
103.6 AND 24-119), WHICH RELATES TO CURRICULUM  
STANDARDS AND THE HISTORY OF RACIAL MINORITIES;  
STATING LEGISLATIVE INTENT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION  
OF OKLAHOMA HISTORY IN CERTAIN CORE CURRICULUM;  
MODIFYING LANGUAGE; REMOVING DISCRETION AS TO  
ADOPTION OF CERTAIN RULES AND REGULATIONS;  
MODIFYING COVERAGE OF SUCH ADOPTED RULES AND  
REGULATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 2, O.S.L. Supp. 1989, as amended by Section 67, Chapter 263, O.S.L. 1990 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 11-103.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6 A. By February 1, 1991, the State Board of Education shall adopt curricular standards for instruction of students in the public schools of this state that are to be implemented not later than the 1993-94 school year and that are necessary to ensure there is attainment of desired levels of competencies in a variety of areas to include language, social studies and communication. Such curricular standards shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of subsections B and C of Section 5 11-103.5 of ~~Enrolled House Bill No. 1017 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the 42nd Oklahoma Legislature~~ this title. All students must initially gain literacy at the elementary and secondary levels through a core curriculum. Students must develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, computing and critical thinking. They also must learn about cultures and environments - their own and those of others with whom they share the earth. Students, therefore, must study social studies, literature, languages, the arts, mathematics and science. Such curricula shall provide for the teaching of a hands-on career exploration program in cooperation with vocational-technical education schools. The core curriculum shall be designed to teach the competencies for which

twelfth grade level students shall be tested as provided in Section 1210.508 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, and shall be designed to prepare all students for employment and/or post secondary education.

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that Oklahoma history be included in the social studies core curriculum for purposes of this section.

B. The State Board of Education shall provide an option for high school graduation based upon attainment of the desired levels of competencies as required in tests pursuant to the provisions of Section 1210.508 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. Such option shall be in lieu of the amount of course credits earned.

C. The State Board of Education shall prescribe, adopt and approve a promotion system based on the attainment by students of specified levels of competencies in each area of the core curriculum. Provided, however, that children who have individualized education plans pursuant to The Education For All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-142) as amended may be exempted from the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1981, Section 24-119, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 1982 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 24-119), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-119. The State Board of Education ~~may~~ shall adopt necessary rules and regulations providing coverage of the outstanding historical events involving and surrounding the history of the Negro race which recognize the contributions made by African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and other minority races and the development of their cultures ethnic groups to Oklahoma's rich cultural history and heritage.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 1991.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 20th day of May, 1991.

President of the Senate