

SHORT TITLE: Schools; enacting Secondary Education Warranty Act;
codification; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 436

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; enacting the Secondary Education Warranty Act; providing short title; stating purpose; creating advanced and standard high school diplomas; requiring certain schools to pay certain expenses; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.520 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Secondary Education Warranty Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.521 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The purpose of this act is to ensure that graduates of Oklahoma public high schools have the knowledge and skills to pursue postsecondary education.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.522 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a two-tier system of high school diplomas for students who graduate from public high schools in the State of Oklahoma.

B. A student who has fulfilled requirements for a diploma but has not successfully completed courses that satisfy the core curriculum requirements as adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall receive a Standard Diploma.

C. A student who has fulfilled requirements for a diploma and has successfully completed courses that satisfy the core curriculum requirements as adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall receive an Advanced Diploma.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.523 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The school district from which a student receives a high school diploma shall pay all general enrollment fees or tuition, books, and other costs associated with remedial courses that the student is required to take if the following circumstances exist:

1. The student was awarded an Advanced Diploma or the student was awarded a Standard Diploma because he or she attended a public high school that did not offer courses necessary to allow the student to satisfy the core curriculum requirements adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

2. The student enrolled in an institution that is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, in a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered pursuant to a duly approved cooperative agreement between an area vocational-technical school and an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, or in a private college or university in the State of Oklahoma; and

3. The student is required to take remedial courses to satisfy the core curriculum requirements as adopted by the State Regents.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.524 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

If a school district that is required to pay the expenses for remedial courses pursuant to Section 3 of this act refuses to pay such expenses, the Finance Director for the State Department of Education shall withhold the entire amount of the claim from State Aid or other payments otherwise due the district and transmit such amount to the State Regents.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.525 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules establishing a procedure for settling disputed claims that may arise between the State Regents and school districts pursuant to this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

SECTION 8. 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.

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