

SHORT TITLE: Schools; providing for Literacy Passports;
codification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE BILL NO. 91

By: Long (Ed)

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring local school boards to award Literacy Passports; stating requirements; providing for codification; 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 1210.513 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Each local district board of education shall award a Literacy Passport to each student, beginning with the 1994-95 school year, who achieves satisfactory scores, as determined by the State Board of Education, on tests implemented pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title to measure eighth-grade competencies in mathematics, science, reading and writing of English. Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, a student who has completed requirements for promotion beyond the eighth grade but who has not earned a Literacy Passport shall be allowed to enroll in ninth- through twelfth-grade courses; however, the student's credit for ninth- through twelfth-grade courses, to which the student is otherwise entitled, shall be withheld until the student performs satisfactorily on the tests that were implemented during or prior to the student's eighth-grade year to measure eighth-grade competencies in mathematics, science,

reading and writing of English. Upon the student's satisfactory performance on these tests, credits for ninth-grade or higher level courses completed by the student before the student achieved satisfactory performance on the eighth-grade competency tests shall be instated.

SECTION 2. 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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