

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1406

By: Morgan, Williams and
Horner of the Senate

and

Ostrander of the House

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An Act relating to schools; authorizing district boards of education to develop and issue certificates of distinction for certain students; stating criteria for students to meet or exceed to earn such certificate; providing substitutions for such criteria for vocational-technical students; defining term; prohibiting use of certificates in certain higher education admission standards; 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 11-103.2c of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. District boards of education may develop and issue a certificate of distinction that is to be awarded to students, beginning with students in the 1998-99 high school graduating class

who have met or exceeded the following criteria by the end of their senior year in high school with at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale:

1. Earned four units each in English, mathematics, social studies, and science;
2. Earned two additional units in the areas of technology, the humanities, or the arts;
3. Earned two units in a foreign language; and
4. Achieved a score of satisfactory, or its equivalent, on all eleventh grade criterion-referenced tests.

B. For purposes of this act, students enrolled in technical programs may use one unit of their six concentrated vocational-technical curriculum units for one unit of mathematics required by this section and may use one unit of their six concentrated vocational-technical curriculum units for one unit of science required by this section.

C. For purposes of this act, "unit" means a Carnegie Unit as defined by the North Central Association's Commission on Schools.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.2d of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Colleges and universities will not use a certificate of distinction in their admission standards.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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.

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