

SHORT TITLE: Schools: requiring district boards of education to develop and issue a diploma with distinction. Effective date. Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 1406

By: Morgan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring district boards of education to issue a diploma with distinction; providing certain qualifications for a diploma with distinction; defining term; 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 shall develop and issue a diploma with 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:

1. Earned four units each in English, mathematics, social studies, and science;
2. Earned two additional units in the areas of technology, the humanities, and 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, "unit" means a Carnegie Unit as defined by the North Central Association's Commission on Schools.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. 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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