

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1644

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991,
9 Section 11-103.6, which relates to curriculum
10 standards; stating requirements of curriculum
11 standards; directing the State Board of Education to
12 adopt curricular standards for kindergarten through
13 grade 3; providing implementation date; limiting core
14 curriculum areas for kindergarten through grade 3;
15 modifying literacy requirements for students;
16 deleting certain learning requirements; deleting
17 certain test level language; providing an effective
18 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 11-103.6, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 11-103.6 A. By February 1, 1991, the State Board of
23 Education shall adopt curricular standards for instruction of
24 students in the public schools of this state that are to be
25 implemented not later than the 1993-94 school year and that are
26 necessary to ensure there is attainment of desired levels of
27 competencies in a variety of areas to include language, social
28 studies and communication. Such curricular standards shall be
29 sufficient to meet the ~~requirements of subsections B and C of~~
30 ~~Section 11-103.5 of this title~~ curricular standards required for
31 accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and
32 Schools and shall be sufficient to ensure that every student at
every high school in this state shall have the opportunity to
acquire all the competencies to matriculate at a comprehensive
graduate institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher

1 Education without the necessity of enrolling at the university in
2 secondary-level courses.

3 B. By February 1, 2000, the State Board of Education shall
4 adopt curricular standards for purposes of accountability for
5 students in kindergarten through grade three in the public schools
6 of this state that are to be implemented not later than the 2000-
7 2001 school year. The standards shall focus on the development of
8 skills and the attainment of competencies in the areas of reading,
9 language arts, and mathematics. No other skills or competencies
10 shall be required in kindergarten through grade three.

11 C. All students ~~must initially gain~~ shall master literacy
12 through completion of a core curriculum at the elementary ~~and~~
13 ~~secondary levels through a core curriculum~~ level. Students must
14 continue to develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, computing
15 and critical thinking at the secondary level. ~~They also must learn~~
16 ~~about cultures and environments — their own and those of others with~~
17 ~~whom they share the earth.~~ Students, ~~therefore, must~~ shall also
18 study social studies, literature, languages, the arts, mathematics
19 and science. Such curricula shall also provide for the teaching of
20 a hands-on career exploration program in cooperation with
21 vocational-technical education schools. The core curriculum shall
22 be designed to teach the competencies for which ~~twelfth grade~~
23 secondary level students shall be tested as provided in Section
24 1210.508 of this title, and shall be designed to prepare all
25 students for employment and/or ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary
26 education.

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

30 ~~B.~~ D. The State Board of Education shall provide an option for
31 high school graduation based upon attainment of the desired levels
32 of competencies as required in tests pursuant to the provisions of

1 Section 1210.508 of this title. Such option shall be in lieu of the
2 amount of course credits earned.

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

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

11 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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