

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2128

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An Act relating to schools; allowing district boards of education to issue a certificate of distinction; providing certain qualifications for a certificate of distinction; authorizing the application of certain vocational-technical courses and advanced placement courses toward qualifications for a certificate of distinction; defining terms; prohibiting colleges and universities from requiring a certificate of distinction for admission; repealing Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 and Section 2, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 11-103.2c and 11-103.2d), which relate to the diploma of honor; 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 11-103.6c 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 2001-2002 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 3.25 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 area of technology, the humanities, or the arts;
3. Earned two units in a foreign language; and

4. Achieved a satisfactory score, or its equivalent, on all end-of-instruction tests required pursuant to Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. For purposes of this section, applicable vocational-technical classes offered by comprehensive high school vocational-technical programs or an area vocational-technical school district shall qualify for technology, science, and mathematics units. Students enrolled in the programs may use one unit of their six concentrated vocational-technical curriculum units for one unit of mathematics required by this section and one unit of their six concentrated vocational-technical curriculum units for one unit of science required by this section. Advanced placement classes in the subject areas listed in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of subsection A of this section may be substituted on a course-by-course basis to satisfy the academic units required for a certificate of distinction.

C. For purposes of this section, "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 11-103.6d of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Colleges and Universities shall not make holding a certificate of distinction a part of their admission standards.

SECTION 3. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 and Section 2, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 11-103.2c and 11-103.2d) are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 5. 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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