

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 11-103.6, which relates to curricular standards; deleting certain requirements; adding certain competencies; establishing core curriculum graduation requirements; stating certain core curriculum units; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a graduation requirement plan; providing for local option; stating certain local options; providing for credit for classes taken at a certain level; requiring certain enrollment for accreditation; listing certain courses; amending Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 11-103.2c and 11-103.2d), which relate to certificates of distinction; changing name to diploma of honor; modifying criteria for a diploma of honor; requiring courses to meet certain specifications; deleting application of vocational courses; defining a unit; requiring certain mathematics teachers to have certain certification; allowing teachers certain time to obtain certification; creating the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; stating purpose of the act; providing for application of the act; providing definition; requiring written application; providing for content of proposal; listing entities which may apply for a charter school; prohibiting private schools from applying; providing for sponsorship of a charter school; limiting location of charter school; providing application procedure; providing mediation and arbitration process; providing for certain notification; requiring certain contract for charter schools; stating required provisions of contract; providing for employment contracts; requiring adoption of a charter; listing certain requirements a charter school shall comply with; providing for amendment to charter; prohibiting certain actions by a charter school; providing for disposal of real and personal property; providing for term of contract; providing for renewal or termination of contract; allowing certain appeal; providing for enrollment of students in certain circumstances; prohibiting termination of certain employees; prohibiting unlawful reprisal against certain employees; defining unlawful reprisal; providing for retention of certain rights and benefits for certain teachers; providing for reemployment preference; providing for enrollment of students in a charter school; allowing certain limited enrollment; stating certain enrollment criteria; providing for designation of certain geographic areas for limited enrollment; prohibiting certain limits on admission; providing for transportation of students; allowing certain funding for transporting students; requiring certain information regarding transportation; providing for funding to the charter school; stating revenues a charter school will receive; providing method for determining average daily membership; allowing charter schools to receive certain funds; requiring the State Board of Education to issue annual report; requiring charter schools to report certain information to the Office of Accountability; creating the Education Open Transfer Act; providing for transfer of students; allowing transfer of siblings; limiting number of transfers in a year; providing for automatic transfer in certain circumstances; providing for continuation of a transfer when the student changes residence; providing for validity of certain transfers; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 8-103, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 8-103), which relates to student transfer procedures; deleting certain application and approval requirements; modifying certain approval procedures; defining certain term; authorizing denial of transfer in certain circumstances; requiring school districts to adopt an open transfer policy; prohibiting certain preference or discrimination; requiring approval of transfers for children with disabilities; prohibiting certain extramural athletic competition for a certain period; providing for eligibility determination in an emergency transfer; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 8-104, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 8-104), which relates to emergency transfers; modifying conditions for an emergency; deleting certain approval requirements; deleting certain affidavit requirements; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 8-112, as amended by Section 38, Chapter 239, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 8-112), which relates to student transfer fees; providing an exemption for certain special education transfer fee; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 9-101, which relates to transportation of students; allowing receiving districts to provide transportation to transferred students in a certain area; prohibiting certain school districts from crossing boundary lines to transport certain students; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 13-101, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 13-101), which relates to special education services; modifying certain definition; providing for assumption of responsibility for transferred students; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 13-103, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 13-103), which relates to special education transfers; modifying conditions for special education transfers; requiring certain conference prior to a transfer; allowing receiving school district to claim certain funding; requiring receiving school district to assume certain responsibilities; updating statutory cites; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-110, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 362, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 18-110), which relates to adjustments and limitations; providing for certain exceptions; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2385.3, as last

amended by Section 12, Chapter 1, 1st Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 1998 (68 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2385.3), which relates to tax withholdings; requiring certain employers to pay certain amount over certain period; requiring filing of certain withholding return; providing for electronic filing; stating purpose of certain provisions of the act; stating legislative intent; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-124, which relates to administrative expenditure limitations; deleting obsolete language; encouraging school sites to limit certain expenditures; requiring an arresting officer to notify the school upon arrest of certain persons; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-114, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 6-114), which relates to the discipline of students; authorizing the board of education to adopt a dress code; providing standards for a dress code; clarifying authority to adopt a uniform dress code; creating the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Program; stating purpose of the act; stating eligibility requirements for participating in the Program; stating requirements for maintaining eligibility in the Program; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to promulgate certain rules; providing for payment of general enrollment fees and tuition; limiting payment of general enrollment fees and tuition to certain number of hours; providing for payment of awards without limitations; allowing the Regents to make awards based on need in certain circumstances; requiring the Regents to consider certain other awards; providing for application of other awards before payment of benefits; directing the State Board of Education to develop an Academic Performance Index (API); stating indicators; providing for disaggregation of data; providing for value of Oklahoma School Testing Program results; directing the Board to adopt annual percentage growth targets; stating minimum percentage growth; requiring certain reports; creating the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Trust Fund; making the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education the trustee of the fund; stating use of funds; providing for source of funds; providing for use of income and investments from fund; prohibiting use of funds for administrative costs; requiring the Regents to adopt rules for the transfer of funds; providing for allocations to cover general enrollment fees or tuition; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Sections 3954, as last amended by Section 16, Chapter 99, O.S.L. 1997 and 3955, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 3954 and 3955), which relate to trustee and fiduciary care; adding the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Trust Fund to funds the Regents act as trustee and fiduciary for; requiring remediation for students who do not perform on the mathematics portion of certain tests; providing for certain contingency; stating means of remediation; prohibiting certain instruction from being counted in school year; stating legislative intent to establish a continuing education program for teachers; stating amount and purpose of the program; amending Section 3, Chapter 181, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 350, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 6-204.2), which relates to the Education Leadership Oklahoma program; clarifying statutory cites; modifying number of selected teachers; modifying bonus amount; authorizing the State Board of Education to award grants to schools for increased test scores; directing the Board to promulgate rules establishing criteria; stating use of the award monies; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 698.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 698.2), which relates to the program for forgivable loans; limiting program to certain students; modifying qualified subject areas; deleting assistance for minority students; providing time period for loan forgiveness; providing for collection of outstanding debt; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.553, which relates to pilot projects for extended-day programs; clarifying contingency; clarifying authorization to make grant awards; amending Section 44, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1996, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 175, O.S.L. 1997 and Section 1, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 1210.568 and 1210.569), which relate to alternative education; requiring schools to expand alternative education programs to middle school grades; requiring certain identified schools to expand alternative education to elementary school grades; providing for certain contingency; directing certain schools to expand the annual student needs assessment and plan to include certain students; stating legislative intent to provide funding for elementary level school counselors; providing preference for funding; requiring the Board to develop an Academic Performance Award Program; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-108, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 18-108), which relates to kindergarten attendance; deleting certain attendance requirements; requiring school districts to offer full day of kindergarten; providing for attendance; providing for membership and grade level weight for half and full day kindergarten; delaying requirements; authorizing teachers to recommend making promotion contingent upon completion of certain competencies; requiring retention of certain students; providing for design of summer academies; expanding to certain grades after implementation; making enactment of certain section contingent; providing for delayed implementation; providing measure for implementation; defining regional average; repealing

70 O.S. 1991, Section 8-102, as amended by Section 34, Chapter 239, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 8-102), which relates to transfers of students; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.