

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 11-103.6, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 11-103.6), which relates to curriculum standards; adding sets of competencies as a requirement for high school graduation; clarifying that listed electives are not limited; deleting diploma of honor requirement; allowing certain additional courses with certain content and rigor; allowing certain courses taught in a certain manner to count toward graduation requirements; adding certain courses; deleting certain courses; adding certain arts requirement; requiring students to complete a certain number of elective courses; requiring school districts to encourage students to complete foreign language units; prohibiting a student from receiving graduation credit for a class taken more than once; requiring school districts to offer a certain number of courses necessary to allow students to graduate; providing certain definitions; directing the State Department of Education to work with school districts on approving certain courses; providing for approval of certain courses; requiring school districts to pay for concurrent enrollment courses only under certain conditions; listing costs to schools; stating legislative intent regarding fees charged for concurrent enrollment courses; allowing courses to be taken in any sequence; allowing credit to be awarded for courses with certain embedded competencies; establishing standard diploma requirements for students on individualized education programs and for students in alternative education; providing for an International Baccalaureate Diploma; 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 program 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; amending Section 4, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-189.1), which relates to certification requirements for mathematics teachers; providing an implementation date; modifying prohibition for employing mathematics teachers for certain grades; providing an exception for certain period; requiring certain teachers to obtain certification or an endorsement by a certain date; providing criteria for middle level certification; providing criteria for middle level endorsement; allowing for one free test or professional development institute for certain teachers; requiring certain teachers to complete certain test in order to teach certain grades; requiring certain teachers to have certain credit hours in order to teach high school credit courses; providing for certification of certain teachers; establishing criteria for a professional development institute in middle level mathematics; amending Sections 7, 8 and 11, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 3-132, 3-133 and 3-136), which relate to charter schools; clarifying requirements for sponsoring a charter school; requiring charter schools to address graduation requirements in the charter; amending Section 20, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999, 70 O.S. 1991, Section 8-103, as last amended by Section 21, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 and Section 23, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 8-101.2, 8-103 and 8-103.2), which relate to the Education Open Transfer Act; exempting certain student transfers from the Education Open Transfer Act; requiring notification of the parents by a certain date; requiring the parents to notify the school district about enrollment by a certain date; modifying athletic eligibility for certain transfers; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-114, as last amended by Section 34, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-114), which relates to disciplinary policy for school districts; modifying school district authority to adopt a dress code; modifying school district authority to adopt a uniform dress code; amending Section 2, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 153, O.S.L. 1994, Section 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 1999, Section 4, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 1999, Section 5, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 190, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 2602, 2603, 2604 and 2605), which relate to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program; clarifying purpose of the Program; updating certain terms; clarifying how awards are paid; modifying eligibility requirements; changing income eligibility amount; amending Sections 37, 38, 39 and 40, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 2610, 2611, 2612 and 2613), which relate to the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Act; updating statutory cites; clarifying purpose of the Scholarship Program; updating certain terms; clarifying how scholarship awards are paid; modifying eligibility criteria; adding certain eligibility criteria; providing an implementation date for the scholarships; providing limitation for certain scholarship award; deleting certain language; amending Section 41, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3953.2), which relates to the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Trust Fund; updating certain terms; clarifying how scholarship awards are paid; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3954, as last amended by Section 42, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3954), which relates to the trustee duty of care for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; adding the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Trust Fund to certain reporting requirements; stating legislative

intent that certain entities coordinate spring break dates; requiring certain schools to schedule spring break on certain dates; amending Section 56, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999, which relates to implementation of certain sections of law; modifying sections of law; 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.