

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 applied courses to count towards 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 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; allowing courses to be taken in any sequence; requiring school districts to provide a six-hour school day; 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 towards qualifications for a certificate of distinction; defining terms; prohibiting colleges and universities from requiring a certificate of distinction for admission; amending Section 39, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2612), which relates to eligibility for the Oklahoma Tuition Scholarship Program; modifying eligibility criteria; adding certain eligibility criteria; providing an implementation date for the Program; 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 for certain grade levels; providing an implementation date for the sixth-grade level; deleting certain grade level; allowing certain teachers to obtain certification by completing certain institutes or examinations; providing certain institute or examination to certain teachers free of charge; deleting certain exception; amending Section 11, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3-136), which relates to standards for charter schools; 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 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.