

An Act relating to schools; creating the "LearnPower 2000 Act"; amending Section 2, Chapter 307, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3-125), which relates to the Educational Deregulation Act; clarifying language; amending Section 35, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3-150), which relates to the Academic Performance Index; providing for implementation; clarifying statutory cites; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a grading scale; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 5-141.2, which relates to incentive pay plans; changing certain dates; deleting certain criteria for pay plans; modifying district incentive pay plan awards; deleting certain petition process; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Sections 6-101.26 and 6-101.27, which relate to teacher due process; deleting requirement for a trial de novo; providing for a judicial review of a board of education employment decision; deleting trial de novo procedures; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 202, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-122.3), which relates to Alternative Placement teaching certification; deleting certain criteria; modifying examination requirements; adding criteria relating to approval of a local school committee; deleting certain requirements for an Alternative Placement teaching certificate; requiring participation in the residency program; modifying limitation on adjunct teachers; requiring annual reports from the Board on Alternative Placement certification; deleting certain reporting and accreditation requirements; directing the State Board of Education to develop curricular standards for middle school grades; requiring the curricular standards to include certain competencies and skills; authorizing the Board to make 4x4 awards; making grants contingent upon funding; establishing procedure for awards; stating qualifications for awards; stating purpose of the awards; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 698.2, as last amended by Section 47, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 698.2), which relates to forgivable loan program for higher education; providing an implementation date; amending Section 54, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.508E), which relates to grade promotion of certain students; requiring certain third-grade students to complete certain remediation; modifying summer academy requirements; establishing types of remediation programs; modifying implementation date for expansion of remediation to other grades; directing public school sites to offer certain advanced placement courses in certain grades; providing for advanced placement tests; stating legislative intent regarding remedial courses; stating legislative intent relating to payment for remedial courses; 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 requirements; allowing certain additional courses with certain content and rigor; defining sets of competencies; requiring school districts to offer a certain number of courses to allow students to graduate; allowing credit for certain embedded courses; directing the State Board of Education to work with local school districts on approving additional courses; modifying enrollment requirement; requiring school districts to provide a six-hour school day; amending Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 11-103.2c), which relates to the diploma of honor; changing name; deleting certain course and grade point requirements; deleting course qualification standard; deleting requirement relating to credit for certain courses; establishing requirements for a diploma with honors; allowing the Board to approve certain other courses; providing for credit for a standard diploma; providing for qualification of an International

Baccalaureate Diploma; amending Section 15, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 3-140), which relates to the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act; allowing a student attending a charter school to participate in extramural athletics at the resident school district; providing for eligibility; providing for eligibility if the student transfers to another school district; amending Sections 20, 22, and 23, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 8-101.2, 8-103.1, and 8-103.2), which relate to the Education Open Transfer Act; prohibiting a reapplication requirement; exempting certain transfers from the Education Open Transfer Act; allowing for the transfer of the child of a school district employee; modifying athletic eligibility determinations; clarifying athletic eligibility for certain transfers; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.508, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1210.508), which relates to norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests; deleting requirements for certain norm-referenced, criterion-referenced tests, and end-of-instruction tests; directing the State Board of Education to develop and implement a comprehensive system of assessment; requiring certain system to provide certain data; requiring certain tests; modifying certain academic competencies to include certain standards; deleting obsolete language; authorizing the State Board of Education to promulgate certain rules; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.