

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 1210.507 and 1210.508, which relate to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act; deleting obsolete language; directing the State Board of Education to take steps to establish and post on the Internet a sample test item bank; stating purpose of the item bank; stating purpose for posting sample tests on the Internet; specifying certain standards; directing the Board to take steps to expand the sample test items; directing the Board to take steps to implement electronic testing; deleting requirement for the fourth-grade norm-referenced test; limiting the administration of the third-grade norm-referenced test; modifying requirement for development and administration of the criterion-referenced test series; deleting certain subject areas; authorizing the Board to administer additional tests contingent upon funding; modifying subject areas for the fifth- and eighth-grade criterion-referenced tests; directing the Board to improve, refine and align the fifth- and eighth-grade criterion-referenced tests; directing the State Department of Education to convene a task force to make recommendations concerning the fifth-grade social studies test; directing the Board to administer criterion-referenced tests in certain subjects in grades three, four, six, and seven; making tests contingent upon certain funding; setting development, field testing, and implementation dates; requiring modification of the current geography criterion-referenced test; setting field testing and implementation dates; updating statutory language relating to the end-of-instruction tests; directing the Board to convene a task force on arts assessment; requiring certain recommendations; requiring the Board to communicate recommendations; providing for form and achievement levels of assessment strategies; directing the State Department of Education to work with school districts to implement fine arts assessments; requiring schools to determine the structure of the assessment strategies; requiring each school district to administer fine arts assessments to students in certain grades; directing school districts to prepare an annual report; specifying that certain tests be discontinued and replaced by a certain date; specifying certain standards; directing the Board to take steps to ensure test results are reported in a certain manner; requiring the Board to take steps to increase depth of knowledge of assessments; providing for the establishment of test administration dates; modifying grade levels and dates required for certain test reporting; requiring the vendor to provide a final electronic data file; directing the Department to forward the final data file to school districts; requiring the Board ensure reporting of test results to the Office of Accountability through the vendor; specifying that tests be disaggregated into certain categories; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.541, which relates to student performance levels; directing the Board to take steps to ensure that the criterion-referenced tests are vertically aligned; directing the Board to develop and implement certain accountability system; providing for implementation date; requiring system to meet certain mandates; modifying publishing requirements; directing the Board to establish a system of recognition and rewards; deleting the low-performing and high challenge accountability system; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.