

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1856

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
9 Chapter 55, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section
10 11-103.6f), which relates to exceptions to high
11 school graduation requirements; updating statutory
12 language and citation; directing the State Board of
13 Education to adopt rules allowing certain exception
14 to the Oklahoma history graduation requirement;
15 providing an effective date; and declaring an
16 emergency.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 55, O.S.L. 2003
19 (70 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 11-103.6f), is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 Section 11-103.6f A. ~~Prior to September 1, 2003, the~~ The State
22 Board of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that students who
23 transfer into an Oklahoma school district from out of state after
24 the junior year of high school of the student shall not be denied,
due to differing graduation requirements, the opportunity to be
awarded a standard diploma.

1 B. The rules shall allow district boards of education to make
2 exceptions on an individual student basis to the high school
3 graduation requirements of Section 11-103.6 of ~~Title 70 of the~~
4 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title for ~~such~~ students who transfer into an
5 Oklahoma school district from out-of-state after the junior year who
6 would be unable to meet the specific graduation requirements without
7 extending the date of graduation. Each district board of education
8 that grants exceptions pursuant to this subsection shall report to
9 the State Department of Education on or before July 1 of each year
10 the number of students granted exceptions and reasons for the
11 exceptions.

12 C. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to allow an
13 exception to the Oklahoma history high school graduation requirement
14 as set forth in paragraph 4 of subsection D of Section 11-103.6 of
15 this title for students who transfer into an Oklahoma school
16 district from out-of-state after the sophomore year if the student
17 has taken another state history course and if the student would be
18 unable to meet the high school graduation requirements of Section
19 11-103.6 of this title without extending the date of graduation or
20 without taking courses during the summer.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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