

SB 1634

THE STATE SENATE  
Monday, February 18, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1634  
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1634 - By: WILCOXSON of the Senate and JONES of the House.

[ schools - high school graduation rate goal - codification  
- effective date -  
emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The high school graduation rate goal for public schools in this state shall be a rate of one hundred percent (100%) by the 2013-14 school year. To achieve the graduation rate goal, each public high school shall:

1. Determine its baseline graduation rate for the 2007-08 school year, which shall be calculated as provided in subsection B of this section; and

2. Set and achieve annual improvement goals necessary to progress from the baseline established in paragraph 1 of this subsection to the goal of one hundred percent (100%) by the 2013-14 school year.

1           B. The high school graduation rate shall be calculated as  
2 follows:

3           1. For the 2007-08 school year and each year thereafter,  
4 determine the number of students who graduate within four (4) years  
5 of enrolling in ninth grade with a high school diploma pursuant to  
6 Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7           2. Determine the number of first-time-entering ninth grade  
8 students who were enrolled at the school four (4) years prior to the  
9 year for which paragraph 1 of this subsection is calculated;

10          3. Determine the number of students who transfer in, which  
11 shall be any entering student who enrolls at the school, for the  
12 same four-year period utilized in paragraph 1 of this subsection;

13          4. Determine the number of students who transfer out, which  
14 shall be any student who withdraws from the school for whom the  
15 school receives a request for records, for the same four-year period  
16 utilized in paragraph 1 of this subsection;

17          5. Calculate the sum of paragraph 2 of this subsection and  
18 paragraph 3 of this subsection and subtract paragraph 4 of this  
19 subsection; and

20          6. Divide the amount calculated pursuant to paragraph 1 of this  
21 subsection by the amount calculated pursuant to paragraph 5 of this  
22 subsection.

1 C. 1. Students who graduate in the summer of the fourth year  
2 shall be included in the number of students who graduate within four  
3 (4) years of enrolling in ninth grade pursuant to paragraph 1 of  
4 subsection B of this section.

5 2. Students who have individualized education programs (IEPs)  
6 pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)  
7 and whose IEP specifies an expected time period of longer than four  
8 (4) years to graduate from high school shall be assigned to the  
9 cohort with whom they are expected to graduate rather than the  
10 cohort with whom they entered ninth grade.

11 D. A student who is awarded the General Educational Development  
12 (GED) State Diploma shall not be included in the number of students  
13 who graduate pursuant to this section.

14 E. The State Department of Education shall require the Regional  
15 Accreditation Officers for each school to audit the data required by  
16 this section throughout the year.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-11-08 - DO  
23 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.