

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1634

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; establishing high school
8 graduation rate goal for public schools; providing
9 method for determining baseline rate; requiring
10 annual improvement goals; specifying method for
11 determination of high school graduation rate;
12 prohibiting students awarded General Educational
13 Development State Diploma from inclusion in number of
14 high school graduates; requiring audit of data;
15 providing for codification; providing an effective
16 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

21 A. The high school graduation rate goal for public schools in
22 this state shall be a rate of one hundred percent (100%) by the
23 2013-14 school year. To achieve the graduation rate goal, each
24 public high school shall:

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

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

8 B. The high school graduation rate shall be calculated as
9 follows:

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

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

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

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

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1 5. Calculate the sum of paragraph 2 of this subsection and
2 paragraph 3 of this subsection and subtract paragraph 4 of this
3 subsection; and

4 6. Divide the amount calculated pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
5 subsection by the amount calculated pursuant to paragraph 5 of this
6 subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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