

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1547

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 6,
8 Chapter 432, O.S.L. 2005, as amended by Section 6,
9 Chapter 289, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section
10 1210.523), which relates to the requirement to
11 demonstrate mastery of state academic content
12 standards to graduate from high school; changing
13 date; deleting specified subject areas for which
14 mastery is required; changing test used to
15 demonstrate mastery to the American College Test
16 (ACT); modifying remediation requirement; providing
17 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 432, O.S.L.
20 2005, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 2006 (70 O.S.
21 Supp. 2008, Section 1210.523), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1210.523 A. Except as provided in subsections D and E
23 of this section, beginning with students entering the ninth grade in
24 the ~~2008-2009~~ 2010-2011 school year, every student shall demonstrate
mastery of the state academic content standards ~~in the following~~
~~subject areas~~ in order to graduate from a public high school with a
standard diploma.

- 1 ~~1. Algebra I,~~
- 2 ~~2. English II; and~~
- 3 ~~3. Two of the following five:~~
 - 4 ~~a. Algebra II,~~
 - 5 ~~b. Biology I,~~
 - 6 ~~c. English III,~~
 - 7 ~~d. Geometry, and~~
 - 8 ~~e. United States History.~~

9 B. To demonstrate mastery, the student shall attain at least a
10 satisfactory score ~~on the end of instruction criterion referenced~~
11 ~~tests administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title, as~~
12 established by the State Board of Education, on the American College
13 Test (ACT).

14 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, students who do
15 not attain at least a satisfactory score on ~~any end of instruction~~
16 ~~test~~ the ACT shall be provided remediation and the opportunity to
17 retake the test until at least a satisfactory score is attained on
18 the ~~tests of Algebra I, English II and two of the tests required in~~
19 ~~paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section~~ test or an approved
20 alternative test. Technology center schools shall be authorized to
21 provide intervention and remediation in Algebra I and Biology I to
22 students enrolled in technology center schools, with the approval of
23 the independent school district board.

1 D. 1. Students who do not meet the requirements of subsection
2 A of this section may graduate from a public high school with a
3 standard diploma by demonstrating mastery of state academic content
4 standards by alternative methods as approved by the State Board of
5 Education.

6 2. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules providing for
7 necessary student exceptions and exemptions to the requirements of
8 this section. The Board shall collect data by school site and
9 district on the number of students provided and categories of
10 exceptions and exemptions granted. Beginning October 1, ~~2012~~ 2013,
11 the Board shall provide an annual report of this data to the
12 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the State Senate and Speaker of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 E. 1. Students who have individualized education programs
15 pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
16 shall have an appropriate statement on the student's individualized
17 education program requiring administration of ~~the~~ an assessment with
18 or without accommodations or an alternate assessment. Any
19 accommodations normally employed for ~~the~~ an assessment shall be
20 approved by the State Board of Education for administration of the
21 ACT and be provided for in the individualized education program.
22 All documentation for each student shall be on file in the school
23 prior to administration of the ~~assessment~~ ACT for the purposes as
24 provided for in this section.

1 2. Students identified as English language learners shall be
2 assessed in a valid and reliable manner with the ~~state academic~~
3 ~~assessments~~ ACT with acceptable accommodations as necessary or, to
4 the extent practicable, with alternate assessments aligned to the
5 state assessment provided by the school district in the language and
6 form most likely to yield accurate data of the student's knowledge
7 of the content areas.

8 F. The State Board of Education shall be authorized to contract
9 with an entity to develop and advise on the implementation of a
10 communications campaign to build public understanding of and support
11 for the testing requirements of this section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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

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