

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 2139

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Schools; directing the State Board
8 of Education to adopt alternate year growth targets
9 based on graduation rates; specifying rewards and
10 sanctions based on meeting or failing to meet
11 expected growth targets; providing for codification;
12 providing an effective date; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-156 of Title 70, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The State Board of Education shall adopt expected alternate
19 year percentage growth targets, for all public secondary schools and
20 school districts, based on high school graduation rates. The
21 minimum percentage growth targets shall be twenty percent (20%) of
22 the difference between the baseline year's rate and the goal of one
23 hundred percent (100%). The baseline year shall be established in
24 the 2010-2011 school year. In alternating years new growth targets

1 shall be established until all secondary schools and school
2 districts have met the goal of one hundred percent (100%).

3 B. Public secondary schools and school districts meeting or
4 exceeding expected growth targets at the end of the initial two (2)
5 years or in the alternate years as provided for in subsection A of
6 this section shall be recognized by the state as notable schools and
7 school districts. Recognition may include, but not be limited to,
8 citations of congratulations from the State Superintendent of Public
9 Instruction as the designee of the State Board of Education, the
10 Governor or designee, the Representative and Senator representing
11 the school and or school district, and banners for each school or
12 school district achieving notable status.

13 C. Public secondary schools and school districts failing to
14 meet the expected growth targets at the end of the initial two (2)
15 years or in the alternate years as provided for in subsection A of
16 this section shall:

17 1. Submit a high school graduation improvement plan to their
18 district board of education at a regularly scheduled meeting prior
19 to December 31st of the same year; and

20 2. Participate in technical assistance and training provided by
21 the State Department of Education for the purpose of reducing drop-
22 out rates and improving high school graduation rates. The technical
23 assistance and training shall include identifying and implementing
24 best practices, identifying actions the school district and schools

1 should take to meet target high school graduation goals, and
2 providing ongoing monitoring to assess school district and school
3 progress in implementing recommended actions.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

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

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