An Act relating to school curriculum; requiring instruction regarding the Tulsa Race Riots in public schools; providing for instruction in appropriate course; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an 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 11-103.6j of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall adopt a social studies core curriculum with courses of instruction in Oklahoma history for all students enrolled in public schools that incorporates information about the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921.

B. The State Department of Education may make program materials and resources concerning the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921 provided by the Oklahoma Historical Society available to public schools of this state.
C. The State Textbook Committee, when adopting textbooks, shall incorporate the provisions of subsection A of this section into criteria used to evaluate U.S. and Oklahoma history textbooks.

D. School districts shall ensure that information concerning the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921 is presented in high school courses in U.S. history or Oklahoma history.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

Passed the Senate the 15th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ___ day of ________, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives