

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 17, 2011

3 SENATE BILL NO. 2

By: Ford of the Senate

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5 Coody of the House

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

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-157 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The State Board of Education shall adopt expected alternate
20 year percentage growth targets, for all public secondary schools and
21 school districts, based on high school graduation rates. The
22 minimum percentage growth targets shall be twenty percent (20%) of
23 the difference between the baseline year's rate and the goal of one
24 hundred percent (100%). The baseline year shall be established in
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. Contingent upon the availability of funding, participate in
21 technical assistance and training provided by the State Department
22 of Education for the purpose of reducing drop-out rates and
23 improving high school graduation rates. The technical assistance
24 and training shall include identifying and implementing best

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

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2011.

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-14-11 - DO
11 PASS, As Coauthored.

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