

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; stating
8 legislative intent that students complete United
9 States history and government courses in order to be
10 granted certain degrees; specifying certain criteria
11 for the courses; prohibiting substitution of other
12 types of courses; prohibiting the award of
13 extrainstitutional learning credit toward the
14 courses; providing for codification; and declaring an
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3247 of Title 70, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State
21 Regents for Higher Education adopt a policy requiring all students
22 graduating from institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
23 Education and who are awarded an associate or baccalaureate degree
24 of any type to complete at least six (6) semester hours of college
credit in United States history and United States government. The
courses should be general in nature and taught by qualified faculty

1 from that discipline department on campus. Specialized courses,
2 liberal arts and science courses or humanities courses shall not
3 satisfy the course requirements of this section. Individual
4 institutions shall not designate other history or government courses
5 that may be substituted for the courses required pursuant to this
6 section or grant any student a reprieve from the course
7 requirements. Individual institutions shall not allow
8 extrainstitutional learning credit to count toward the courses
9 required pursuant to this section.

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

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