

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 358

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school curriculum; directing the
8 development of curricular standards; requiring civics
9 education in certain grades; allowing for development
10 of appropriate assessments; providing definition;
11 providing for codification; providing an effective
12 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-102.1 of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The State Board of Education shall adopt a curricular
18 standard for instruction of students in public school necessary to
19 ensure attainment of a desired level of competency in civics.

20 B. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, students in the
21 sixth and eighth grades shall be required to successfully complete
22 at least a one-semester civics education course. In order to
23 successfully complete a course, students shall be required to score
24 at least a seventy percent (70%) or equivalent on the end of

1 instruction assessment, as developed by the student's school
2 district.

3 C. A course in civics education shall include instruction on:

4 1. The roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local
5 governments;

6 2. The structures and functions of the legislative, executive,
7 and judicial branches of government; and

8 3. The meaning and significance of historic documents,
9 including but not limited to the Articles of Confederation, the
10 Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution.

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

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

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