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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 3399

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 11-103.6), which relates to the adoption of curriculum standards; removing reference to Priority Academic Student Skills; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6a, which relates to the review of adopted curriculum; changing references from curriculum to standards; requiring subject matter standards and changes to standards to be adopted pursuant to a certain portion of the Administrative Procedures Act; providing for legislative review and amendment of rules; providing certain construction; providing for nonapproval of rules; modifying date for certain revisions; deleting requirement to adopt revisions to certain subject area standards to align with Common Core standards; requiring certain revisions to certain subject area standards; requiring certain evaluation and determination of the standards; defining revised standards; providing for certain approval and control; directing the State Board of Education in certain consultation to develop and administer high-quality assessments aligned with certain subject matter curriculum; prohibiting the State Board of Education from entering into agreements or contracts which cede state control over state education standards and assessments; allowing

the State Board of Education to initiate amendment to certain agreements, memoranda of understanding or contracts; allowing waivers from federal law under certain conditions; allowing the State Department of Education and school districts to recognize and align courses with certain standards and assessments; directing the Board to maintain independence over certain standards and assessments; allowing certain benchmarking; requiring certain standards and assessments to be controlled by the state; authorizing school districts to determine instructional material and curriculum; allowing school districts to adopt additional supplementary assessments; directing school districts to adopt policies in certain consultation to provide certain access to certain materials; defining term; directing the Board to begin the revision process to certain standards; requiring opportunity for public comment; requiring revisions to reflect direct application to certain proficiencies; prohibiting the inclusion of certain questions in standards and assessments; requiring the Board to make comparison of certain standards; listing areas of comparison; requiring submission of a report to certain persons; directing the Board to amend or repeal certain rules under certain circumstances; providing for legislative review and amendment of rules; providing certain construction; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.507, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 74, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.507), which relates to disclosure of information; removing reference to Priority Academic Student Skills; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.508), which relates to criterion-referenced tests; removing reference to Priority Academic Student Skills; providing certain exemption for certain assessments; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 1210.508B and 1210.508C, as last amended by Section 96, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.508C), Section 1, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.516), 70 O.S. 2011, Sections 6-207 and 11-103.9, which relate to subject matter standards; removing reference to Priority Academic Student Skills; and providing an effective date.

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- 2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6, as 3 amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, 4 Section 11-103.6), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 11-103.6. A. The State Board of Education shall adopt curricular standards for instruction of students in the public schools of this state that are necessary to ensure there is attainment of desired levels of competencies in a variety of areas to include language, mathematics, science, social studies and communication. All students shall gain literacy at the elementary and secondary levels through a core curriculum. Students must develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, computing and critical thinking. They also must learn about cultures and environments their own and those of others with whom they share the earth. Students, therefore, must study social studies, literature, languages, the arts, mathematics and science. Such curricula shall provide for the teaching of a hands-on career exploration program in cooperation with technology center schools. The core curriculum shall be designed to teach the competencies for which students shall be tested as provided in Section 1210.508 of this title, and shall be designed to prepare all students for employment and/or postsecondary education.
 - B. Subject to the provisions of subsection C of this section, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the

State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum units or sets of competencies at the secondary level:

- 1. Four units or sets of competencies of English to include Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for college admission requirements;
- 2. Three units or sets of competencies of mathematics, limited to Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or any mathematics course with content and/or rigor above Algebra I and approved for college admission requirements;
- 3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science, limited to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or any laboratory science course with content and/or rigor equal to or above Biology and approved for college admission requirements;
- 4. Three units or sets of competencies of history and citizenship skills, including one unit of American History, 1/2 unit of Oklahoma History, 1/2 unit of United States Government and one unit from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, Civics, or Non-Western culture and approved for college admission requirements;
- 5. Two units or sets of competencies of the same foreign or non-English language or two units of computer technology approved for college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school

or a technology center school, including computer programming,

hardware, and business computer applications, such as word

processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding

keyboarding or typing courses;

- 6. One additional unit or set of competencies selected from paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection or career and technology education courses approved for college admission requirements; and
- 7. One unit or set of competencies of fine arts, such as music, art, or drama, or one unit or set of competencies of speech.
- C. In lieu of the requirements of subsection B of this section which requires a college preparatory/work ready curriculum, a student may enroll in the core curriculum as provided in subsection D of this section upon written approval of the parent or legal guardian of the student. School districts may require a parent or legal guardian of the student to meet with a designee of the school prior to enrollment in the core curriculum. The State Department of Education shall develop and distribute to school districts a form suitable for this purpose, which shall include information on the benefits to students of completing the college preparatory/work ready curriculum as provided for in subsection B of this section.
- D. For those students subject to the requirements of subsection C of this section, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma,

- 1 students shall complete the following core curriculum units or sets 2 of competencies at the secondary level:
 - 1. Language Arts 4 units or sets of competencies, to consist of 1 unit or set of competencies of grammar and composition, and 3 units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:
 - a. American Literature,

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- b. English Literature,
- c. World Literature,
- d. Advanced English Courses, or
- e. other English courses with content and/or rigor equal to or above grammar and composition;
- 2. Mathematics 3 units or sets of competencies, to consist of 1 unit or set of competencies of Algebra I or Algebra I taught in a contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:
 - a. Algebra II,
 - b. Geometry or Geometry taught in a contextual methodology,
 - c. Trigonometry,
 - d. Math Analysis or Precalculus,
 - e. Calculus,
- f. Statistics and/or Probability,
- g. Computer Science,

h. contextual mathematics courses which enhance
technology preparation whether taught at a:

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- (1) comprehensive high school, or
- (2) technology center school when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by a certified teacher, and approved by the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education,
- i. mathematics courses taught at a technology center school by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education, or
- j. equal to or above Algebra I;
- 3. Science 3 units or sets of competencies, to consist of 1 unit or set of competencies of Biology I or Biology I taught in a contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies in the areas of life, physical, or earth science or technology which may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:
 - a. Chemistry I,
 - b. Physics,
 - c. Biology II,
 - d. Chemistry II,
 - e. Physical Science,

1	f.	Earth Science,
2	g.	Botany,
3	h.	Zoology,
4	i.	Physiology,
5	j.	Astronomy,
6	k.	Applied Biology/Chemistry,
7	1.	Applied Physics,
8	m.	Principles of Technology,
9	n.	qualified agricultural education courses,
10	0.	contextual science courses which enhance technology
11		preparation whether taught at a:
12		(1) comprehensive high school, or
13		(2) technology center school when taken in the
14		eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by a certified
15		teacher, and approved by the State Board of
16		Education and the independent district board of
17		education,
18	р.	science courses taught at a technology center school
19		by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area
20		when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade upon
21		approval of the State Board of Education and the
22		independent district board of education, or
23	q.	other science courses with content and/or rigor equal

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to or above Biology I;

4. Social Studies - 3 units or sets of competencies, to consist of 1 unit or set of competencies of United States History, 1/2 to 1 unit or set of competencies of United States Government, 1/2 unit or set of competencies of Oklahoma History, and 1/2 to 1 unit or set of competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:

- a. World History,
- b. Geography,

- c. Economics,
- d. Anthropology, or
- e. other social studies courses with content and/or rigor equal to or above United States History, United States Government, and Oklahoma History; and
- 5. Arts 2 units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited to, courses in Visual Arts and General Music.
- E. 1. In addition to the curriculum requirements of either subsection B or D of this section, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education students shall complete the requirements for a personal financial literacy passport as set forth in the Passport to Financial Literacy Act and any additional course requirements or recommended elective courses as may be established by the State Board of Education and the district school board. School districts shall strongly encourage students to complete two units or sets of competencies of

- foreign languages and two units or sets of competencies of physical and health education.
- 2. No student shall receive credit for high school graduation more than once for completion of the same unit or set of competencies to satisfy the curriculum requirements of this section.
- 3. A school district shall not be required to offer every course listed in subsections B and D of this section, but shall offer sufficient courses to allow a student to meet the graduation requirements during the secondary grade years of the student.
 - F. For purposes of this section:

- 1. "Contextual methodology" means academic content and skills taught by utilizing real-world problems and projects in a way that helps students understand the application of that knowledge;
- 2. "Qualified agricultural education courses" means courses that have been determined by the State Board of Education to offer the sets of competencies in the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS), as adopted by the Board, for one or more science content areas and which correspond to academic science courses. Qualified agricultural education courses shall include, but are not limited to, Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science, Natural Resources and Environmental Science, and Animal Science. The courses shall be taught by teachers certified in agricultural education and comply with all rules of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education;

3. "Rigor" means a level of difficulty that is appropriate for the grade level and that meets state and/or national standards;

- 4. "Sets of competencies" means instruction in those skills and competencies that are specified in the Priority Academic Student

 Skills (PASS), as subject matter standards adopted by the State

 Board of Education, subchapter 5, Chapter 15, Title 210 of the

 Oklahoma Administrative Code, and other skills and competencies adopted by the Board, without regard to specified instructional time; and
- 5. "Unit" means a Carnegie Unit as defined by the North Central Association's Commission on Schools.
- G. 1. The State Board of Education shall adopt a plan to ensure that rigor is maintained in the content, teaching methodology, level of expectations for student achievement, and application of learning in all the courses taught to meet the graduation requirements as specified in this section.
- 2. The State Board of Education shall allow as much flexibility at the district level as is possible without diminishing the rigor or undermining the intent of providing these courses. To accomplish this purpose, the State Department of Education shall work with school districts in reviewing and approving courses taught by districts that are not specifically listed in subsections B and D of this section. Options may include, but shall not be limited to,

courses taken by concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or correspondence, or courses bearing different titles.

- 3. Technology center school districts may offer programs designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education which have an emphasis on a focused field of career study upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education. Students in the tenth grade may be allowed to attend these programs for up to one-half (1/2) of a school day and credit for the units or sets of competencies required in paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B or D of this section shall be given if the courses are taught by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area; provided, credit for units or sets of competencies pursuant to subsection B of this section shall be approved for college admission requirements.
- 4. If a student enrolls in a concurrent course, the school district shall not be responsible for any costs incurred for that course, unless the school district does not offer enough course selection during the student's secondary grade years to allow the student to receive the courses needed to meet the graduation requirements of this section. If the school district does not offer the necessary course selection during the student's secondary grade years, it shall be responsible for the cost of resident tuition at an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,

fees, and books for the concurrent enrollment course, and providing for transportation to and from the institution to the school site.

It is the intent of the Legislature that for students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course which is paid for by the school district pursuant to this paragraph, the institution charge only the supplementary and special service fees that are directly related to the concurrent enrollment course and enrollment procedures for that student. It is further the intent of the Legislature that fees for student activities and student service facilities, including the student health care and cultural and recreational service fees, not be charged to such students.

- 5. Credit for the units or sets of competencies required in subsection B or D of this section shall be given when such units or sets of competencies are taken prior to ninth grade if the teachers are certified or authorized to teach the subjects for high school credit and the required rigor is maintained.
- 6. The three units or sets of competencies in mathematics required in subsection B or D of this section shall be completed in the ninth through twelfth grades. If a student completes any required courses or sets of competencies in mathematics prior to ninth grade, the student may take any other mathematics courses or sets of competencies to fulfill the requirement to complete three units or sets of competencies in grades nine through twelve after

the student has satisfied the requirements of subsection B or D of this section.

- 7. All units or sets of competencies required for graduation may be taken in any sequence recommended by the school district.
- H. As a condition of receiving accreditation from the State Board of Education, all students in grades nine through twelve shall enroll in a minimum of six periods, or the equivalent in block scheduling or other scheduling structure that allows for instruction in sets of competencies, of rigorous academic and/or rigorous vocational courses each day, which may include arts, vocal and instrumental music, speech classes, and physical education classes.
- I. 1. Academic and vocational-technical courses designed to offer sets of competencies integrated or embedded within the course that provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) subject matter standards, as adopted by the State Board of Education, may upon approval of the Board be counted for academic credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this section.
- 2. Internet-based courses offered by a technology center school that are taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the PASS subject matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education, be

counted for academic credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this section.

- 3. Internet-based courses or vocational-technical courses utilizing integrated or embedded skills for which no Priority

 Academic Student Skills subject matter standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education may be approved by the Board if such courses incorporate standards of nationally recognized professional organizations and are taught by certified teachers.
- 4. Courses offered by a supplemental education organization that is accredited by a national accrediting body and that are taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the PASS subject matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education and the school district board of education, be counted for academic credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this section.
- J. The State Board of Education shall provide an option for high school graduation based upon attainment of the desired levels of competencies as required in tests pursuant to the provisions of Section 1210.508 of this title. Such option shall be in lieu of the amount of course credits earned.
- K. The State Board of Education shall prescribe, adopt and approve a promotion system based on the attainment by students of

specified levels of competencies in each area of the core curriculum.

- L. Children who have individualized education programs pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and who satisfy the graduation requirements through the individualized education program for that student shall be awarded a standard diploma.
- M. For students who enter the ninth grade in or prior to the 2007-08 school year who are enrolled in an alternative education program and meet the requirements of their plans leading to high school graduation developed pursuant to Section 1210.568 of this title shall be awarded a standard diploma.
- N. Any student who completes the curriculum requirements of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program shall be awarded a standard diploma.
- O. Any student who successfully completes an advanced mathematics or science course offered pursuant to Section 1210.404 of this title shall be granted academic credit toward meeting the graduation requirements pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3, as appropriate, of subsection B or D of this section.
- P. For purposes of this section, the courses approved for college admission requirements shall be courses which are approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for admission to an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Q. The State Department of Education shall collect and report data by school site and district on the number of students who enroll in the core curriculum as provided in subsection D of this section.

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SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6a A. Each Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, each area of subject matter curriculum standards, except for technology curriculum standards for career and technology education adopted pursuant to Section 14-103 of this title, shall be adopted pursuant to Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act by the State Board of Education for statewide implementation by every public school district in this state the beginning of the 2003-04 school year and shall be thoroughly reviewed by the State Board every six (6) years according to and in coordination with the existing subject area textbook adoption cycle, and the. The State Board shall implement promulgate rules for any revisions in such curriculum subject matter standards deemed necessary to achieve further improvements in the quality of education for the students of this state. The Legislature may review any rules pertaining to the subject matter standards contained in this act and by concurrent resolution may either amend such rules or return those rules to the rule making authority with instructions. Nothing in this section shall abrogate any right of the Legislature contained in the

Administrative Procedures Act. Should said rules not be approved by
the Legislature, the subject matter standards shall remain as before
promulgation.

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B. By On or before August 1, 2010 2015, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Regents for Higher Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education, shall adopt revisions to the subject matter curriculum standards adopted by the State Board of Education for English Language Arts and Mathematics as is necessary to align the curriculum with the K-12 Common Core State Standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative, an effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The revised curriculum shall reflect the K-12 Common Core State Standards in their entirety and may include additional standards as long as the amount of additional standards is not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the K-12 Common Core State Standards which are college- and career-ready. To be college- and career-ready, the revisions to the standards shall be evaluated by the State Department of Education, the State Regents for Higher Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education and be determined to be such that the revised standards will address the goals of reducing the need for remedial coursework at the postsecondary level and increasing successful completion of postsecondary education. The subject matter standards and

corresponding student assessments for English Language Arts and
Mathematics shall be solely approved and controlled by the state
through the State Board of Education.

- C. On or before the 2017-18 school year, the State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Regents for Higher

 Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education, shall develop and administer as provided for in Section 1210.508 of this title annual high-quality student assessments that align with the college- and career-ready subject matter standards developed pursuant to subsection B of this section.
- D. The State Board of Education shall not enter into any agreement, memorandum of understanding or contract with any federal agency or private entity which in any way cedes or limits state discretion or control over the process of development, adoption or revision of subject matter standards and corresponding student assessments in the public school system, including, but not limited to, agreements, memoranda of understanding and contracts in exchange for funding for public schools and programs. If the State Board of Education is a party to such an agreement, memorandum of understanding or contract on the effective date of this act, the Board shall initiate necessary efforts to amend the agreement, memorandum of understanding or contract to comply with the requirements of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the State Board of Education from seeking and

being granted a waiver from federal law, provided that the

conditions for the waiver do not require the state to cede or limit

its discretion or control over the process of development, adoption

or revision of subject matter standards and corresponding student

assessments.

E. The content of all subject matter standards and corresponding student assessments shall be solely approved and controlled by the state through the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall maintain independence of all subject matter standards referenced in Section 11-103.6 of this title and corresponding student assessments in the state and shall not relinquish authority over Oklahoma subject matter standards and corresponding student assessments. Nothing in this section shall prohibit benchmarking the state subject matter standards and corresponding student assessments with those of other states or nations to allow comparison of Oklahoma subject matter standards and corresponding student assessments with those of other states and nations.

F. School districts shall exclusively determine the instructional materials, curriculum, reading lists and textbooks to be used in meeting the subject matter standards. School districts may, at their discretion, adopt additional supplementary student assessments.

G. 1. All instructional material, including, but not limited
to, teacher manuals, films, tapes or other supplementary

instructional material in any format, used by a public school as

part of the educational curriculum shall be available for inspection

by the parents or quardians of students enrolled in the school.

- 2. Each school district shall develop and adopt policies in consultation with parents and guardians. The policies shall include procedures for granting a request by a parent for reasonable access to instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received.
- 3. For the purposes of this section, "instructional material"

 means instructional content that is provided to a student,

 regardless of the format, including printed or representational

 materials, audio-visual materials and materials in electronic or

 digital formats.
- H. 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Board of Education shall begin the process of revising the English Language Arts and Mathematics standards as provided for in subsection B of this section. The Board shall provide reasonable opportunity, consistent with best practices, for public comment on the revision of the standards, including, but not limited to, comments from students, parents, educators, organizations representing students with disabilities and English language learners, higher education representatives, career technology education representatives,

1 subject matter experts, community-based organizations, Native
2 American tribal representatives and business community
3 representatives.

- 2. Revisions to the subject matter standards and corresponding student assessments shall be carefully circumscribed to reflect direct application to subject matter proficiency and shall not include standards or assessment questions that are emotive in nature.
- 3. Upon final adoption of subject matter standards pursuant to subsection B of this section, the State Board of Education shall compare the English Language Arts and Mathematics standards as provided for in subsection B of this section with the standards adopted by the Board prior to implementation of this act. The Board shall consider public comments, the use of best practices, evidence and research in the evaluation of both sets of standards. The Board shall compare the standards in the areas of:
 - <u>effective preparation for active citizenship and</u>
 postsecondary education or the workforce,
 - b. subject matter content,
 - sequencing of subject matter content and relationship to measurement of student performance and the application of subject matter standards,

1 developmental appropriateness of grade-level d. 2 expectations, academic content and instructional 3 rigor, 4 e<u>.</u> clarity for educators and parents, 5 f. exemplars tied to the standards, measurability of student proficiency in the subject 6 g. 7 matter, 8 h. pedagogy, 9 development of critical thinking skills, and i. 10 demonstration of application of acquired knowledge and 11 skills. 12 4. Upon completion of the revisions and comparison of the 13 standards, the Board shall submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the 14 Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the 15 16 Minority Leader of the Senate a report outlining the revisions and 17 comparison results of the standards. I. If any rule in existence on the effective date of this act, 18 including but not limited to Rules 210:15-4-1 through 210:15-4-3 of 19 20 the Oklahoma Administrative Code, conflicts with the requirements of this section, the appropriate rule making authority shall amend or 21 repeal such rule as necessary to comply with the requirements of 22 this section. The Legislature may review any rules pertaining to 23

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the subject matter standards contained in this act and by concurrent

rule making authority with instructions. Nothing in this section

shall abrogate any right of the Legislature contained in the

Administrative Procedures Act. Should said rules not be approved by the Legislature, the subject matter standards shall remain as before promulgation.

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SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.507, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 74, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.507), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.507. A. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules necessary for the implementation and administration of the provisions of the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act.

- B. The State Board of Education shall require school district boards of education to annually provide information to the district's students, parents of students, and the public at large about the proper meaning and use of tests administered pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. The Department shall develop materials and make them available to school districts regarding the Oklahoma School Testing Program.
- C. 1. Students enrolled in an online course or program that is offered by a school district or charter school that is not the district of residence or is not located in the district of residence of the student shall be provided the opportunity to take any test

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required pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act or any
other test generally required of students by the school district in
which the student is enrolled at an alternative testing location
approved by the State Board of Education. The alternative testing
locations may be at sites that are not in the school district that
is offering the online course or program or the district of
residence. Alternative testing locations may include technology
center school sites or any other testing location selected by the
school district or charter school offering the online course or
program. All alternative testing locations shall be subject to
testing location rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.
The school district or charter school offering the online course or
program shall be responsible for any cost incurred in providing an
alternative testing location and any additional cost of
administering a test at an alternative testing location.
to provide alternative testing locations at geographically dispersed
sites, the school district or charter school offering the online
course or program shall, at a minimum, provide not less than six
alternative testing locations, with at least one location in each
quadrant of the state and in each of the two metropolitan areas in
            Additional alternative testing locations may be provided
by the school district or charter school offering the online course
or program.
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2. The performance of students on any test required pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act or any other test generally required of students by the school district who are enrolled full-time in an online program that is offered by a school district or charter school that is not the district of residence or is not located in the district of residence of the student shall be reported separately by the school district or charter school and shall not be included when determining the performance levels of the school district or charter school in the Oklahoma School Testing Program as reported in the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program.

- D. The State Board of Education shall seek to establish and post on the Internet a sample test item bank that will be made available to teachers and will allow them to create and deliver classroom assessments throughout the school year to check for student mastery of key concepts assessed by the criterion-referenced tests administered to students pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. Subject to the availability of funds, the Board shall annually release end-of-instruction test items and make them available to the public.
- E. The State Board of Education shall post on the Internet criterion-referenced sample tests for each grade level and subject matter test administered to students pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act for the purpose of communicating expectation concerning test difficulty level and format to teacher, parents and

- students. The Board shall maintain the sample tests on the Internet
 throughout the year and, as changes are made in the state academic
 content standards, known as the Priority Academic Student Skills

 Curriculum, the Board shall update the sample tests. The Board
 shall seek to expand the number of sample test items each year and
 to revise test items as needed. The sample tests shall reflect the
 actual test administered to students and may contain questions used
 on actual tests given in previous years.
 - F. The State Board of Education shall seek to implement an electronic delivery system for all tests administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act that will allow students to participate in computer-based assessments in order to expedite the delivery and use of the test results.

- SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 403, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.508), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 1210.508. A. 1. The State Board of Education shall develop and administer a series of criterion-referenced tests designed to indicate whether the state academic content standards, as defined by the State Board of Education in the Priority Academic Student Skills Curriculum, which Oklahoma public school students are expected to have attained have been achieved. The Board may develop and administer any criterion-referenced test in any subject not required by federal law, contingent upon the availability of

- funding. Students who do not perform at least at the proficient
 level on tests shall be remediated, subject to the availability of
 funding.
 - 2. Contingent upon the availability of state and federal funds, the Board, in accordance with federal law, shall administer criterion-referenced tests for grades three and four in:
 - a. reading, and

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- b. mathematics.
- 3. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Board shall administer criterion-referenced tests for grade five in:
 - a. reading,
 - b. mathematics,
 - c. science,
 - d. social studies, which shall consist of the history, Constitution and government of the United States, and geography, and
 - e. writing of English.
- 4. Contingent upon the availability of state and federal funds, the Board, in accordance with federal law, shall administer criterion-referenced tests for grades six and seven in:
 - a. reading, and
 - b. mathematics.
- In addition, the Board shall administer a criterion-referenced test in geography in grade seven.

5. Contingent upon the availability of funds, the Board shall administer criterion-referenced tests for grade eight in:

a. reading,

- b. mathematics,
- c. science,
- d. social studies, which shall consist of the history,Constitution, and government of the United States, and
- e. writing of English.

The Board shall administer the tests for grade eight in reading and mathematics online with raw score test results reported immediately and complete results reported in less than two (2) weeks beginning in the 2007-08 school year.

6. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 1210.523 of this title, each student who completes the instruction for English II, English III, United States History, Biology I, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II at the secondary level shall complete an end-of-instruction test, when implemented, to measure for attainment in the appropriate state academic content standards in order to graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma. All students shall take the tests prior to graduation, unless otherwise exempt by law. The State Board of Education shall administer the criterion-referenced tests. The Board shall develop and field test the end-of-instruction tests in English III, Geometry, and Algebra II during the 2006-07 school year, implement the tests during the 2007-08

school year, and administer them each year thereafter. The Board
shall administer the multiple choice portion of the end-ofinstruction tests online with raw score test results reported
immediately and complete results reported in less than two (2) weeks
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The end-of-instruction tests shall serve the purpose of the criterion-referenced tests as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection. The English II and English III end-of-instruction tests shall include a writing component. Students who do not score at least at the proficient level shall be afforded the opportunity to retake each test up to three (3) times each calendar year until at least achieving at the proficient level. In order to provide an indication of the levels of competency attained by the student in a permanent record for potential future employers and institutions of higher education, for students who enter the ninth grade in or prior to the 2007-08 school year, school districts shall report the highest-achieved state test performance level on the end-ofinstruction tests on the student's high school transcript. Beginning with students who enter the ninth grade in the 2008-09 school year, school districts shall report the highest-achieved state test performance level on the end-of-instruction tests and any business and industry-recognized endorsements attained on the student's high school transcript. Any student at the middle school

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level who completes the instruction in a secondary course specified

in this paragraph shall be administered the appropriate end-ofinstruction test.

- 7. a. Each school district shall administer to each student in the school district in grades three through eight an assessment designed to assess the student in the fine arts area in which the student has received instruction.
 - b. Each school district shall prepare an annual report for approval by the State Board of Education outlining the fine arts assessment strategies used by the district, when the assessments were administered, how many students were assessed during the previous year, and the results of the assessments.
- B. 1. All criterion-referenced tests required by this section shall measure academic competencies in correlation with the state academic content standards adopted by the Board pursuant to Section Sections 11-103.6 and 11-103.6a of this title and known as the Priority Academic Student Skills Curriculum. The State Board of Education shall evaluate the academic content standards to ensure the competencies reflect high standards, are specific, well-defined, measurable, challenging, and will prepare elementary students for next-grade-level course work and secondary students for postsecondary studies at institutions of higher education or technology center schools without the need for remediation in core

curriculum areas. All state academic content standards shall reflect the benchmarks of the American Diploma Project and the goal of improving the state average ACT score.

- 2. The State Department of Education shall annually evaluate the results of the criterion-referenced tests. The State Board of Education shall ensure that test results are reported to districts in a manner that yields detailed, diagnostic information for the purpose of guiding instruction and student remediation. As improvements are made to the criterion-referenced tests required by this section, the Board shall seek to increase the depth of knowledge assessed for each subject. The State Board of Education shall seek to ensure that data yielded from the tests required in this section are utilized at the school district level to prescribe reinforcement and/or remediation by requiring school districts to develop and implement a specific program of improvement based on the test results.
- 3. The State Board of Education in coordination with the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability shall review, realign, and recalibrate, as necessary, the tests in reading and mathematics in third through eighth grade and the end-of-instruction tests. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall determine the cut scores for the performance levels on the end-of-instruction tests developed pursuant to paragraph 6 of subsection A of this section. The Commission shall conduct an ongoing review to

compare the end-of-instruction test content and performance descriptors with those of other states. Upon receipt of the review, the Commission may adjust the cut scores as necessary.

- 4. The State Board of Education, for the purposes of conducting reliability and validity studies, monitoring contractor adherence to professionally accepted testing standards, and providing recommendations for testing program improvement, shall retain the services of an established, independent agency or organization that is nationally recognized for its technical expertise in educational testing but is not engaged in the development of aptitude or achievement tests for elementary or secondary level grades. These national assessment experts shall annually conduct studies of the reliability and validity of the end-of-instruction tests administered pursuant to this section. Validity studies shall include studies of decision validity and concurrent validity.
- C. 1. The State Board of Education shall set the testing window dates for each criterion-referenced test required in paragraphs 1 through 5 of subsection A of this section for grades three through eight so that, with the exception of the writing assessments, the tests are administered to students no earlier than April 10 each year and so that the test results are reported back to school districts in a timely manner. Each criterion-referenced test required in paragraph 6 of subsection A of this section may be administered to students at a time set by the State Board of

Education as near as possible to the end of the course; provided, if a school district is unable to administer the tests online to all students taking the test for the first time and all students retaking the test during the testing window time set by the Board, the school district may elect to administer any of the tests to students retaking the test at any time not more than two (2) weeks prior to the start of the testing window time set by the Board. All results and reports of the criterion-referenced test series required in paragraphs 1 through 5 of subsection A of this section for grades three through eight shall be returned to each school district prior to the beginning of the next school year. The vendor shall provide a final electronic data file of all school site, school district, and state results to the State Department of Education and the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability prior to September 1 of each year. The Department shall forward the final data files for each school district and each school site in that district to the school district. The Board shall ensure the contract with the testing vendor includes a provision that the vendor report test results directly to the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability at the same time it is reported to the Board.

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2. State, district, and site level results of all tests required in this section shall be disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged, except that such

disaggregation shall not be required in a case in which the number of students in a category is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual student. Each school site shall notify the student's parents of the school's performance levels in the Oklahoma School Testing Program as reported in the Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program at the end of each school year.

- D. The State Board of Education shall be responsible for the development, field-testing, and validation of the criterion-referenced test series required in subsection A of this section. In the interest of economy the Board shall adapt criterion-referenced tests that have been developed by or in collaboration with other states or are otherwise commercially available, or portions of such tests, to the extent that such tests are appropriate for use in the testing program to be administered to Oklahoma students.
- E. The State Board of Education shall develop, administer, and incorporate as a part of the Oklahoma School Testing Program, other testing programs or procedures, including appropriate accommodations for the testing of students with disabilities as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC, Section 1400 et seq.
- F. For purposes of developing and administering alternate assessments for students with the most significant cognitive

disabilities, the State Board of Education shall not be subject to

2 subsections D and E of Section 11-103.6a of this title.

3 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508B, 4 is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.508B. A. The Legislature finds that it is essential for children in the public schools to read early and well in elementary school. The Legislature further finds that clear and visible goals, assessments to determine the reading level at each elementary school, annual measurements of elementary school reading improvement, and accountability in each level of the educational system will result in a significant increase in the number of children reading at or above grade level.

- B. The purpose of the Reading Sufficiency Act is to ensure that each child attains the necessary reading skills by completion of the third grade which will enable that student to continue development of reading skills and to succeed throughout school and life.
- C. Each public school district in this state shall ensure that a majority of the instructional time each day of the school year in kindergarten through third grade is focused on reading and mathematics. The State Board of Education shall encourage school districts to integrate the teaching of the other curricular areas in the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) subject matter standards adopted by the Board with the instruction of reading and mathematics. All teachers of reading in the public schools in this

state in kindergarten through third grade shall incorporate into instruction the five elements of reading instruction which are phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

- D. The reading goal for Oklahoma public schools is as follows: By July 1, 2008, and each year thereafter, all third-grade students will read at or above grade level by the end of their third-grade year, excluding up to fifteen percent (15%) of those students who have an individualized education program (IEP), pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and excluding those students who are English language learners who have been determined not to be proficient in English as defined by a statedesignated English proficiency assessment. To achieve the reading goal, each public elementary school shall:
- 1. Determine its baseline no later than September 1, 2005, which shall be the percentage of students reading at or above third-grade level as determined by the percentage of students scoring proficient or above on the third-grade criterion-referenced test in reading, administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title; and
- 2. Set and achieve annual improvement goals necessary to progress from the baseline established in 2005 to the reading goal by July 1, 2008. The annual improvement goals shall be included in

the district's reading sufficiency plan required in Section 1210.508C of this title.

- E. The State Board of Education shall recognize schools and districts that attain or make progress toward achieving the reading goal and shall provide technical assistance to schools and districts that do not make progress toward the reading goal. The district reading sufficiency plan shall be submitted to the State Board if the district has any schools that are not achieving the required annual improvement goals pursuant to this section.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508C, as last amended by Section 96, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.508C), is amended to read as follows:

 Section 1210.508C. A. 1. Each student enrolled in kindergarten in a public school in this state shall be screened fo
 - kindergarten in a public school in this state shall be screened for reading skills including, but not limited to, phonological awareness, letter recognition, and oral language skills as identified in the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) subject matter standards adopted by the State Board of Education. A screening instrument approved by the State Board shall be utilized for the purposes of this section.
 - 2. For those kindergarten children at risk for reading difficulties, teachers shall emphasize reading skills as identified in the PASS subject matter standards adopted by the State Board,

monitor progress throughout the year and measure year-end reading progress.

- 3. Classroom assistants, which may include parents, grandparents, or other volunteers, shall be provided in kindergarten classes to assist with the screening of students if a teacher aide is not already employed to assist in a kindergarten classroom.
- B. 1. Each student enrolled in kindergarten, first, second and third grade of the public schools of this state shall be assessed at the beginning of each school year using a screening instrument approved by the State Board of Education for the acquisition of reading skills including, but not limited to, phonological awareness, phonics, spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- 2. Any student who is assessed and found not to be reading at the appropriate grade level shall be provided a program of reading instruction designed to enable the student to acquire the appropriate grade level reading skills. Beginning with students entering the first grade in the 2011-2012 school year, the program of reading instruction shall include provisions of the READ Initiative adopted by the school district as provided for in subsection O of this section.
- 3. Throughout the year progress monitoring shall continue, and diagnostic assessment, if determined appropriate, shall be provided.

Year-end reading skills shall be measured to determine reading success.

- C. The State Board of Education shall approve screening instruments for use at the beginning of the school year, for monitoring of progress, and for measurement of reading skills at the end of the school year as required in subsections A and B of this section; provided, at least one of the screening instruments shall meet the following criteria:
- Assess for phonological awareness, phonics, reading fluency,
 and comprehension;
 - 2. Document the validity and reliability of each assessment;
 - 3. Can be used for diagnosis and progress monitoring;
- 4. Can be used to assess special education and limited-Englishproficient students;
- 5. Accompanied by a data management system that provides profiles for students, class, grade level and school building. The profiles shall identify each student's instructional point of need and reading achievement level. The State Board shall also determine other comparable reading assessments for diagnostic purposes and for periodic and post assessments to be used for students at risk of reading failure. The State Board shall ensure that any assessments approved are in alignment with the PASS subject matter standards adopted by the Board.

D. The program of reading instruction required in subsection B of this section shall align with the PASS subject matter standards adopted by the Board and shall include provisions of the READ Initiative adopted by the school district as provided for in subsection O of this section beginning with students entering the first grade in the 2011-2012 school year and may include, but is not limited to:

- 1. Sufficient additional in-school instructional time for the acquisition of phonological awareness, phonics, spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension;
- 2. If necessary, tutorial instruction after regular school hours, on Saturdays and during summer; however, such instruction may not be counted toward the one-hundred-eighty-day or one-thousand-eighty-hour school year required in Section 1-109 of this title; and
- 3. Assessments identified for diagnostic purposes and periodic monitoring to measure the acquisition of reading skills including, but not limited to, phonological awareness, phonics, spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, as identified in the student's program of reading instruction.
- E. The program of reading instruction shall continue until the student is determined by the results of approved reading assessments to be reading on grade level.
- F. 1. Every school district shall adopt, and implement a district reading sufficiency plan which has had input from school

administrators, teachers, and parents and if possible a reading specialist, and which shall be submitted electronically to and approved by the State Board of Education. The plan shall be updated annually. School districts shall not be required to electronically submit the annual updates to the Board if the last plan submitted to the Board was approved and expenditures for the program include only expenses relating to individual and small group tutoring, purchase of and training in the use of screening and assessment measures, summer school programs and Saturday school programs. expenditure for the program is deleted or changed or any other type of expenditure for the program is implemented, the school district shall be required to submit the latest annual update to the Board for approval. The district reading sufficiency plan shall include a plan for each site which includes an analysis of the data provided by the Oklahoma School Testing Program and other reading assessments utilized as required in this section, and which outlines how each school site will comply with the provisions of the Reading Sufficiency Act.

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2. Each school site shall establish a committee, composed of educators, which if possible shall include a certified reading specialist, to develop the required programs of reading instruction. A parent or guardian of the student shall be included in the development of the program of reading instruction for that student.

3. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the implementation and evaluation of the provisions of the Reading Sufficiency Act. The evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the data required in subsection S of this section.

- G. For any third-grade student found not to be reading at grade level as determined by reading assessments administered pursuant to this section, a new program of reading instruction, including provisions of the READ Initiative adopted by the school district as provided for in subsection O of this section, shall be developed and implemented as specified in this section. If possible, a fourth-grade teacher shall be involved in the development of the program of reading instruction. In addition to other requirements of the Reading Sufficiency Act, the plan may include specialized tutoring.
- H. Beginning with students entering the first grade in the 2011-2012 school year, if the reading deficiency of a student, as identified based on assessments administered as provided for in subsection B of this section, is not remedied by the end of third grade, as demonstrated by scoring at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the statewide third-grade criterion-referenced test, the student shall be retained in the third grade.
- I. The parent of any student who is found to have a reading deficiency and is not reading at the appropriate grade level and has been provided a program of reading instruction as provided for in

1 subsection B of this section shall be notified in writing of the 2 following:

- 1. That the student has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading;
- 2. A description of the current services that are provided to the student;
- 3. A description of the proposed supplemental instructional services and supports that will be provided to the student that are designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency;
- 4. That the student will not be promoted to the fourth grade if the reading deficiency is not remediated by the end of the third grade, unless the student is exempt for good cause as set forth in subsection K of this section;
- 5. Strategies for parents to use in helping their child succeed in reading proficiency;
- 6. That while the results of the statewide criterion-referenced tests administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title are the initial determinant, it is not the sole determiner of promotion and that portfolio reviews and assessments are available; and
- 7. The specific criteria and policies of the school district for midyear promotion implemented as provided for in paragraph 4 of subsection N of this section.
- J. No student may be assigned to a grade level based solely on age or other factors that constitute social promotion.

K. For those students who do not meet the academic requirements for promotion, a school district may promote the student for good cause only. Good-cause exemptions for promotion shall be limited to the following:

- Limited-English-proficient students who have had less than
 two (2) years of instruction in an English language learner program;
- 2. Students with disabilities whose individualized education program (IEP), consistent with state law, indicates that the student is to be assessed with alternate achievement standards through the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP);
- 3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board of Education;
- 4. Students who demonstrate, through a student portfolio, that the student is reading on grade level as evidenced by demonstration of mastery of the state standards beyond the retention level;
- 5. Students with disabilities who participate in the statewide criterion-referenced tests and who have an individualized education program that reflects that the student has received intensive remediation in reading for more than two (2) years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, or third grade; and
- 6. Students who have received intensive remediation in reading through a program of reading instruction for two (2) or more years

but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, or third grade for a total of two (2) years.

- L. A student who is promoted for good cause as provided for in subsection K of this section shall be provided intensive reading instruction during an altered instructional day that includes specialized diagnostic information and specific reading strategies for each student. The school district shall assist schools and teachers to implement reading strategies for the promoted students that research has shown to be successful in improving reading among low-performing readers.
- M. Requests to exempt students from the mandatory retention requirements based on one of the good-cause exemptions as described in subsection K of this section shall be made using the following process:
- 1. Documentation submitted from the teacher of the student to the school principal that indicates the student meets one of the good-cause exemptions and promotion of the student is appropriate. In order to minimize paperwork requirements, the documentation shall consist only of the alternative assessment results or student portfolio work and the individual education plan (IEP), as applicable;
- 2. The principal of the school shall review and discuss the documentation with the teacher. If the principal determines that

the student meets one of the good-cause exemptions and should be promoted based on the documentation provided, the principal shall make a recommendation in writing to the school district superintendent; and

3. After review, the school district superintendent shall accept or reject the recommendation of the principal in writing.

- N. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, each school district shall:
- 1. Conduct a review of the program of reading instruction for all students who score at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the statewide criterion-referenced test administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title and did not meet the criteria for one of the good-cause exemptions as set forth in subsection K of this section. The review shall address additional supports and services, as described in this subsection, needed to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency. The school district shall require a student portfolio to be completed for each retained student;
- 2. Provide to students who have been retained as set forth in subsection H of this section with intensive interventions in reading, intensive instructional services and supports to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency, including a minimum of ninety (90) minutes of daily, uninterrupted, scientific-research-based reading instruction. Retained students shall be provided

other strategies prescribed by the school district, which may include, but are not limited to:

a. small group instruction,

- b. reduced teacher-student ratios,
- c. more frequent progress monitoring,
- d. tutoring or mentoring,
- e. transition classes containing third- and fourth-grade students,
- f. extended school day, week, or year, and
- g. summer reading academies as provided for in Section 1210.508E of this title, if available;
- 3. Provide written notification to the parent or guardian of any student who is to be retained as set forth in subsection H of this section that the student has not met the proficiency level required for promotion and the reasons the student is not eligible for a good-cause exemption. The notification shall include a description of proposed interventions and intensive instructional supports that will be provided to the student to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency;
- 4. Implement a policy for the midyear promotion of a retained student who can demonstrate that the student is a successful and independent reader, is reading at or above grade level, and is ready to be promoted to the fourth grade. Tools that school districts may use in reevaluating any retained student may include subsequent

assessments, alternative assessments, and portfolio reviews, in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education. Retained students may only be promoted midyear prior to November 1 and only upon demonstrating a level of proficiency required to score above the unsatisfactory level on the statewide third-grade criterion-referenced test and upon showing progress sufficient to master appropriate fourth-grade-level skills, as determined by the school. A midyear promotion shall be made only upon agreement of the parent or guardian of the student and the school principal;

- 5. Provide students who are retained with a high-performing teacher who can address the needs of the student, based on student performance data and above-satisfactory performance appraisals; and
- 6. In addition to required reading enhancement and acceleration strategies, provide students who are retained with at least one of the following instructional options:
 - a. supplemental tutoring in scientific-research-based reading services in addition to the regular reading block, including tutoring before or after school,
 - b. a parent-guided "Read at Home" assistance plan, as developed by the State Department of Education, the purpose of which is to encourage regular parent-guided home reading, or
 - c. a mentor or tutor with specialized reading training.

O. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, each school district shall establish a Reading Enhancement and Acceleration Development (READ) Initiative. The focus of the READ Initiative shall be to prevent the retention of third-grade students by offering intensive accelerated reading instruction to third-grade students who failed to meet standards for promotion to fourth grade and to kindergarten through third-grade students who are exhibiting a reading deficiency. The READ Initiative shall:

- 1. Be provided to all kindergarten through third-grade students at risk of retention as identified by the assessments administered pursuant to the Reading Sufficiency Act. The assessment used shall measure phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension;
- 2. Be provided during regular school hours in addition to the regular reading instruction; and
- 3. Provide a state-approved reading curriculum that, at a minimum, meets the following specifications:
 - a. assists students assessed as exhibiting a reading deficiency in developing the ability to read at grade level,
 - provides skill development in phonemic awareness,
 phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension,
 - c. provides a scientific-research-based and reliable assessment,

- d. provides initial and ongoing analysis of the reading progress of each student,
- e. is implemented during regular school hours,
- f. provides a curriculum in core academic subjects to assist the student in maintaining or meeting proficiency levels for the appropriate grade in all academic subjects,
- g. establishes at each school, where applicable, an Intensive Acceleration Class for retained third-grade students who subsequently score at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the statewide criterion-referenced tests. The focus of the Intensive Acceleration Class shall be to increase the reading level of a child at least two grade levels in one (1) school year. The Intensive Acceleration Class shall:
 - (1) be provided to any student in the third grade who scores at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the statewide criterion-referenced tests and who was retained in the third grade the prior year because of scoring at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the statewide criterion-referenced tests,
 - (2) have a reduced teacher-student ratio,

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- (3) provide uninterrupted reading instruction for the majority of student contact time each day and incorporate opportunities to master the fourthgrade state standards in other core subject areas,
- (4) use a reading program that is scientificresearch-based and has proven results in accelerating student reading achievement within the same school year,
- (5) provide intensive language and vocabulary instruction using a scientific-research-based program, including use of a speech-language therapist,
- (6) include weekly progress monitoring measures to ensure progress is being made, and
- (7) provide reports to the State Department of Education, in the manner described by the Department, outlining the progress of students in the class at the end of the first semester,
- h. provide reports to the State Board of Education, upon request, on the specific intensive reading interventions and supports implemented by the school district. The State Superintendent of Public

Instruction shall annually prescribe the required components of the reports, and

- i. provide to a student who has been retained in the third grade and has received intensive instructional services but is still not ready for grade promotion, as determined by the school district, the option of being placed in a transitional instructional setting. A transitional setting shall specifically be designed to produce learning gains sufficient to meet fourthgrade performance standards while continuing to remediate the areas of reading deficiency.
- P. In addition to the requirements set forth in this section, each school district board of education shall annually report to the parent or guardian of each student in the district the progress of the student toward achieving state and district expectations for proficiency in reading, writing, science, and mathematics. The school district board of education shall report to the parent or guardian of each student the results on statewide criterion-referenced tests. The evaluation of the progress of each student shall be based upon classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information. Progress reporting shall be provided to the parent or guardian in writing.
- Q. 1. Each school district board of education shall annually publish on the school website, and report in writing to the State

Board of Education by September 1 of each year, the following information on the prior school year:

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- a. the provisions of this section relating to public school student progression and the policies and procedures of the school district on student retention and promotion,
- b. by grade, the number and percentage of all students in grades three through ten performing at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the statewide criterion-referenced tests,
- c. by grade, the number and percentage of all students retained in grades three through ten,
- d. information on the total number and percentage of students who were promoted for good cause, by each category of good cause as specified above, and
- e. any revisions to the policies of the school district on student retention and promotion from the prior year.
- 2. The State Department of Education shall establish a uniform format for school districts to report the information required in this subsection. The format shall be developed with input from school districts and shall be provided not later than ninety (90) days prior to the annual due date. The Department shall annually compile the information required along with state-level summary

- information, and report the information to the public, the Governor,
 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
 House of Representatives.
 - R. The State Department of Education shall provide technical assistance as needed to aid school districts in administering the provision of the Reading Sufficiency Act.

- S. On or before December 1 of each year, the State Department of Education shall issue to the Governor and members of the Senate and House of Representatives Education Committees a Reading Report Card for the state and each school district and elementary site which shall include, but is not limited to, trend data detailing three (3) years of data, disaggregated by student subgroups to include economically disadvantaged, major racial or ethnic groups, students with disabilities, and English language learners, as appropriate for the following:
- 1. The number and percentage of students in kindergarten through third grade determined to be at risk for reading difficulties compared to the total number of students enrolled in each grade;
- 2. The number and percentage of students in kindergarten who continue to be at risk for reading difficulties as determined by the year-end measurement of reading progress;
- 3. The number and percentage of students in kindergarten through third grade who have successfully completed their program of

- 1 reading instruction and are reading on grade level as determined by 2 the results of approved reading assessments;
 - 4. The number and percentage of students scoring at each performance level on the reading portion of the statewide third-grade criterion-referenced test;

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- 5. The amount of funds for reading remediation received by each district;
 - 6. An evaluation and narrative interpretation of the report data analyzing the impact of the Reading Sufficiency Act on students' ability to read at grade level; and
- 7. Any recommendations for improvements or amendments to the Reading Sufficiency Act.
- The State Department of Education may contract with an independent entity for the reporting and analysis requirements of this subsection.
- T. Copies of the results of the assessments administered shall be made a part of the permanent record of each student.
- 18 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 318, O.S.L.
- 19 | 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1210.516), is amended to read as 20 | follows:
- Section 1210.516. A. The State Board of Education shall establish the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program. The purpose of the Program is to improve reading skills of children up through the fourth grade, as measured by mastery of the skills identified in the

Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) subject matter standards

adopted pursuant to Sections 11-103.6 and 11-103.6a of this title,

by training and assisting private entities, as defined in subsection

C of this section, to offer reading instruction to children before

school, after school, on Saturdays and during summer periods.

- B. The State Department of Education shall issue a request for proposals on or before October 1, 2012, and each October 1 thereafter for which the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program is funded, seeking applications for the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program. The Department shall review the applications for compliance with the established requirements.
- C. Private entities eligible to submit applications for the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program shall include the following:
- 1. Nonprofit organizations or programs which are exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3);
- 2. Community-based programs, centers, organizations or services which maintain community participation or supervision in their planning, operation and evaluation; and
- 3. Churches or religious organizations, associations, or societies or nonprofit organizations or programs operated, supervised or controlled by or in conjunction with a religious organization, association or society.

D. The State Board of Education may approve applications that meet the requirements set forth in this subsection and as established by the Board. Approved applications shall establish reading programs for children up through the fourth grade. The reading programs may be offered before school, after school, on Saturdays or during summer periods. The reading programs shall offer reading instruction designed to enable the children to acquire the appropriate level reading skills and shall provide diagnostic assessments and measurement of reading skills to determine reading success. The reading program shall focus on the acquisition of reading skills including, but not limited to, phonological awareness, phonics, spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

E. On or before December 1, 2012, and each December 1 thereafter for which the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program is funded, the Department shall forward applications that the Department has determined meet the requirements of this section to the Board. On or before February 1, 2013, and each February 1 thereafter for which the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program is funded, the Board shall award, through a competitive bid process, one or more grants to private entities to provide reading instruction programs through the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program. To the extent possible, grants shall be awarded on a statewide basis. The grant funding shall be used to provide the

- reading instruction program, provide employees and volunteers for the program and to purchase materials for the program.
- F. In addition to the grant funding, the Department shall provide to the private entities awarded grants pursuant to this section the following:
 - 1. Reading instruction training, academies or courses designed to train the private entity employees or volunteers in reading instruction and remediation strategies;
 - 2. Resources and materials on reading instruction and remediation; and
 - 3. Any other appropriate assistance.

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- G. The Board shall provide for independent evaluations of programs funded pursuant to this section.
 - H. Beginning June 30, 2013, and each year thereafter for which the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program is funded, the Board shall prepare and submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate containing:
 - 1. Descriptions of the reading programs approved and funded through the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy Program;
 - 2. Number and amount of grants awarded;
 - 3. Number of children served through approved programs; and
- 4. Achievement data for children served through approved programs.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-207, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-207. A. The State Board of Education shall establish the Oklahoma Mathematics Improvement Program. The purpose of the program is to improve student mastery of the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS) subject matter standards for sixth-grade mathematics through Algebra I by enhancing sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade public school teachers' mastery of the subject matter content and process skills.

- B. For purposes of this section, "middle-level mathematics" means the Priority Academic Student Skills subject matter standards adopted pursuant to Sections 11-103.6 and 11-103.6a of this title for sixth- through eighth-grade mathematics and Algebra I.
- C. Each sixth-, seventh-, or eighth-grade public school teacher of a middle-level mathematics course who completes a professional development program approved by the State Board of Education, as authorized in subsection E of this section, shall receive a stipend in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) if, prior or subsequent to completion of the professional development program, the teacher successfully completes the middle-level/intermediate mathematics Oklahoma Subject Area Test administered by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. The State Board of Education shall provide the stipend to qualifying teachers who meet the requirements of this section. The stipend shall not be included in

the calculation of the teacher's salary for purposes of meeting the
district or statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of
calculating Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or
benefits.

- D. The State Department of Education shall issue a request for proposals on or before October 1, 2005, seeking applications for the Oklahoma Mathematics Improvement Program. The State Department of Education shall review the applications for compliance with the established requirements.
- E. The State Board of Education may approve programs that meet the requirements set forth in this subsection. Each participating teacher shall take a preassessment to establish current subject matter knowledge, and, based on the results of the preassessment, the teacher will participate in one of the three programs listed below:
- 1. Mathematics academies consisting of a minimum of forty (40) contact hours of training and twenty (20) contact hours of follow-up training through lesson study with identified mathematics specialists on-site and through video technology.

The mathematics academies shall incorporate both content knowledge and process knowledge that shall be modeled for teachers in the areas of problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking as applied to the mathematical concepts in PASS the subject matter standards adopted by the Board. The ultimate goal of the

- mathematics academies shall be to significantly increase the number of children becoming proficient in mathematics as demonstrated on assessments administered pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing

 Program Act. The mathematics academies shall be accepted for professional development purposes and shall be defined as continuing education experiences that consist of a minimum of forty (40) clock hours. The mathematics academies shall be designed to provide instruction that includes peer coaching;
 - 2. Other programs including customized higher education courses and/or on-line courses similar in scope and nature to those described in this subsection designed to improve middle school mathematics knowledge including Algebra I, as approved by the State Board of Education; and

- 3. Small learning community lesson studies facilitated by a mathematics coach and utilizing the Internet and video technology, as approved by the State Board of Education.
- F. On or before December 15, 2005, the State Department of Education shall forward applications that the Department has determined meet the requirements of this section to the State Board of Education. On or before February 1, 2006, the Board shall award, through a competitive bid process, one or more grants for professional development programs approved by the Department.
- G. The State Board of Education shall contract for independent evaluations of programs funded pursuant to this section.

- H. Beginning June 30, 2006, and each year thereafter for which the Oklahoma Mathematics Improvement Program is funded, the State Board of Education shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor containing:
- 1. Descriptions of professional development programs approved and funded through the Oklahoma Mathematics Improvement Program;
 - 2. Number and amount of grants awarded;

- 3. Number of teachers completing approved programs;
- 4. Number of teachers successfully completing the Oklahoma Subject Area Test for middle level/intermediate mathematics after completion of a program created pursuant to this section;
- 5. Amount of stipends paid to teachers pursuant to this section; and
 - 6. Student achievement data for students in classes taught by teachers completing one of the program options authorized pursuant to this section.
- SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.9, is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 11-103.9. A. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the State Board of Education shall require, as a condition of accreditation, that school districts provide to all students physical education programs which may include athletics.
 - B. The Board shall require, as a condition of accreditation, that public elementary schools provide instruction, for students in

full-day kindergarten and grades one through five, in physical education or exercise programs for a minimum of an average of sixty (60) minutes each week. The time students participate in recess shall not be counted toward the sixty-minutes-per-week physical education requirement. Schools may exclude from participation in the physical education or exercise programs required in this subsection those students who have been placed into an in-house suspension or detention class or placement or those students who are under an in-school restriction or are subject to an administrative disciplinary action.

C. The Board shall require, as a condition of accreditation, that public elementary schools provide to students in full-day kindergarten and grades one through five, in addition to the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section, an average of sixty (60) minutes each week of physical activity, which may include, but not be limited to, physical education, exercise programs, fitness breaks, recess, and classroom activities, and wellness and nutrition education. Each school district board of education shall determine the specific activities and means of compliance with the provisions of this subsection, giving consideration to the recommendations of each school's Healthy and Fit Schools Advisory Committee as submitted to the school principal pursuant to the provisions of Section 24-100a of this title.

D. The Board shall disseminate information to each school district on the benefits of physical education programs and shall strongly encourage districts to provide physical education instruction to students in grades six through twelve. The Board shall also strongly encourage school districts to incorporate physical activity into the school day by providing to students in full-day kindergarten and grades one through five at least a twenty-minute daily recess, which shall be in addition to the sixty (60) minutes of physical education as required by subsection B of this section, and by allowing all students brief physical activity breaks throughout the day, physical activity clubs, and special events.

- E. School districts shall provide to parents or guardians of students a physical activity report. The report shall be provided to parents and guardians at least annually and shall include:
- 1. A summary on how physical activity is being incorporated into the school day;
- 2. A summary of the types of physical activities the students are exposed to in the physical education programs;
- 3. Suggestions on monitoring the physical activity progress of a child and how to encourage regular participation in physical activity; and
- 4. Information on the benefits of physical education and physical activity.

F. Instruction in physical education required in this section shall be aligned with the Priority Academic Student Skills subject matter standards as adopted by the Board.

- G. The physical education curriculum shall be sequential, developmentally appropriate, and designed, implemented, and evaluated to enable students to develop the motor and self-management skills and knowledge necessary to participate in physical activity throughout life. Each school district shall establish specific objectives and goals the district intends to accomplish through the physical education curriculum.
- H. In identifying the essential knowledge and skills, the State Board of Education shall ensure that the Priority Academic Student Skills subject matter standards for physical education:
- 1. Emphasizes the knowledge and skills capable of being used during a lifetime of regular physical activity;
- 2. Is consistent with national physical education standards for:
 - a. the information that students should learn about physical activity, and
 - b. the physical activities that students should be able to perform;
- 3. Requires that, on a weekly basis, at least fifty percent (50%) of the physical education class be used for actual student

- physical activity and that the activity be, to the extent practicable, at a moderate or vigorous level;
 - 4. Offers students an opportunity to choose among many types of physical activity in which to participate;
 - 5. Offers students both cooperative and competitive games;
 - 6. Meets the needs of students of all physical ability levels, including students who have a disability, chronic health problem, or other special need that precludes the student from participating in regular physical education instruction but who might be able to participate in physical education that is suitably adapted and, if applicable, included in the student's individualized education program;
 - 7. Teaches self-management and movement skills;
- 8. Teaches cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation in physical activity;
- 9. Promotes student participation in physical activity outside of school; and
 - 10. Allows physical education classes to be an enjoyable experience for students.
- I. The Board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 10. This act shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma

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