STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3167 By: Blackwell

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6a, which relates to adoption of curriculum standards; deleting requirement for the State Board of Education to adopt revisions to certain subject area curriculum standard to align with Common Core standards; establishing the Local Curriculum Standards Pilot Program; stating purpose of the Pilot Program; allowing school districts to elect to participate and adopt local curriculum standards; stating certain criteria for local curriculum standards; requiring students enrolled in participating school districts to complete certain course and testing requirements; requiring participating school districts to notify the State Department of Education; allowing local curriculum standards to be implemented until certain date; directing the Department to make comparison of student academic performance; requiring the Department to make a report by certain date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6a A. Each area of subject matter curriculum, except for technology curriculum, adopted by the State Board of Education for implementation by the beginning of the 2003-04 school

year 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 State Board shall implement any revisions in such curriculum deemed necessary to achieve further improvements in the quality of education for the students of this state.

B. ~~By August 1, 2010, the State Board of Education shall adopt revisions to the subject matter curriculum adopted by the State Board 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.~~

There is hereby established the Local Curriculum Standards Pilot Program. The purpose of the Pilot Program shall be to provide verifiable information on the advantages and disadvantages of curriculum standards being developed at the local level versus being developed at the state or other level. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the board of education of any school district may elect to participate in the Pilot Program and adopt local curriculum

standards which are not aligned with the state curriculum standards adopted by the State Board of Education or may modify the state curriculum standards adopted by the State Board for the purpose of developing local curriculum standards for the school district. The local curriculum standards shall teach the competencies for which students are tested as provided for in Section 1210.508 of this title and shall be designed to prepare all students for employment and postsecondary education. Students enrolled in participating school districts with local curriculum standards shall be required to complete the unit or set of competency requirements set forth in Section 11-103.6 of this title and complete the criterion-referenced tests administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title. Participating school districts shall upon adoption of local curriculum standards notify the State Department of Education and submit a copy of the standards to the Department. Participating school districts may implement local curriculum standards until the 2019-2020 school year. At the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the Department shall compare the academic performance of students who are enrolled in the participating school districts which adopted local curriculum standards with the academic performance of other students in the state enrolled in comparable school districts. Academic performance shall be based on the student scores on the criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this title and alternative test scores

administered to students pursuant to Section 1210.523 of this title. The Department shall report the results of the comparison by October 1, 2020.

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

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