

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 929

By: Sharp of the Senate

and

Wood of the House

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10 An Act relating to schools; creating the 2016
11 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High School Diploma
12 Recognition Act; providing for graduation
13 recognitions for certain students; establishing
14 eligibility criteria for certain recognitions;
15 providing for indication of recognitions; providing
16 definition; providing for promulgation of rules;
17 providing for codification; providing an effective
18 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6k of Title 70, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2016
24 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High School Diploma Recognition Act".

B. Beginning with the 2020-2021 high school graduating class,
students who have met the curricular requirements set forth in

1 Section 11-103.6d of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who have
2 demonstrated mastery of the state academic content standards
3 pursuant to Section 1210.523 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
4 and who have participated in an approved program of study leading to
5 a recognized career and/or postsecondary education pathway shall be
6 eligible for the following graduation recognitions on their standard
7 diploma:

8 1. "Recognition of highest academic distinction" for students
9 who achieve a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.75 or
10 higher on a 4.0 scale for all coursework performed in their career
11 pathway of choice, along with meeting state-recognized college
12 entrance requirements at the time of graduation;

13 2. "Recognition of academic honors" for students who achieve a
14 cumulative high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0
15 scale for all coursework performed in their career pathway of
16 choice, along with meeting state-recognized college entrance
17 requirements at the time of graduation; and

18 3. "Recognition of academic merit" for students who achieve a
19 cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0
20 scale for all coursework performed in their career pathway of
21 choice, along with meeting state-recognized college entrance
22 requirements at the time of graduation.

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1 C. A graduation recognition awarded pursuant to this section
2 shall be indicated upon the diploma of those students who qualify
3 for such status.

4 D. For the purposes of this section "approved programs of
5 study" shall mean those programs of study identified by the local
6 school district that shall include an identified sequence of courses
7 leading to career entry and/or postsecondary education. Approved
8 course sequences shall include at least six (6) credits within a
9 career pathway and shall include advanced placement courses, career
10 and technical courses, concurrent enrollment college courses or a
11 combination of such courses that best prepare students for work or
12 further study in a career pathway of their choice.

13 E. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career
14 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules necessary to
15 implement the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

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

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