

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 929

By: Sharp of the Senate

3 and

4 Wood of the House

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6 [ schools - 2016 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High  
7 School Diploma Recognition Act - codification -  
8 ~~effective date~~ - emergency ]

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

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

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

16 B. Beginning with the 2020-2021 high school graduating class,  
17 students who have met the curricular requirements set forth in  
18 Section 11-103.6d of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who have  
19 demonstrated mastery of the state academic content standards  
20 pursuant to Section 1210.523 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
21 and who have participated in an approved program of study leading to  
22 a recognized career and/or postsecondary education pathway shall be  
23 eligible for the following graduation recognitions on their standard  
24 diploma:

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

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

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

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

19       D. For the purposes of this section "approved programs of  
20 study" shall mean those programs of study identified by the local  
21 school district that shall include an identified sequence of courses  
22 leading to career entry and/or postsecondary education. Approved  
23 course sequences shall include at least six (6) credits within a  
24 career pathway and shall include advanced placement courses, career

1 and technical courses, concurrent enrollment college courses or a  
2 combination of such courses that best prepare students for work or  
3 further study in a career pathway of their choice.

4 E. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career  
5 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules necessary to  
6 implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

12 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
17 2016.

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