

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 430, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1210.508), which relates to the Oklahoma School Testing Program; deleting requirement for the State Board of Education to develop and administer criterion-referenced tests in certain grades; directing the State Board to adopt rules for implementing a state system of student assessments utilizing certain higher education admission and placement assessments; modifying purpose of the assessments; deleting requirement to administer certain criterion-referenced tests in certain grades; deleting requirement for students to complete an end-of-instruction test upon completion of certain subjects; deleting purpose of the end-of-instruction tests; deleting requirement to report results of the end-of-instruction tests on student transcripts; deleting requirement for school districts to administer a fine arts assessment; deleting references to criterion-referenced tests; replacing references to criterion-referenced tests with the state-mandated assessments; requiring assessment results to be reported to districts by a certain date; deleting requirement to review, realign and recalibrate certain tests; modifying criteria for determining assessment window dates; deleting option to adopt criterion-referenced tests from other states; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.523, as last amended by Section 26, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1210.523), which relates to mastery of state academic content standards in designated subjects; changing date for when students shall demonstrate mastery of academic content standards; deleting reference to state academic content standards; deleting references to end-of-instruction tests; changing end-of-instruction tests to state-mandated assessments; modifying type of appeal process; changing appeal process for denial of a standard diploma; making decisions of a board of education final and nonappealable; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.