

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 1841

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma
8 Civics Education Initiative Act; authorizing school
9 districts to establish a civics education program;
10 stating purpose of the program; allowing programs to
11 incorporate the United States Citizenship Test;
granting certain option; allowing students to receive
elective credit for participating in a program under
certain conditions; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.517 of Title 70, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
19 Civics Education Initiative Act".

20 B. School districts may establish as part of the curriculum a
21 civics education program for students enrolled in the district. The
22 purpose of the program shall be to prepare students to become
23 informed, responsible, engaged and literate citizens. The program
24 may incorporate the administration of a test to students that is the

1 same or similar to the United States Citizenship Test administered
2 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
3 and is required of all applicants applying for United States
4 citizenship.

5 C. School districts shall have the option of integrating a
6 civics education program into one or more existing courses or to
7 provide it as a separate program. If provided as a separate
8 program, a student may receive elective credit for participating in
9 a civics education program as long as the outcomes of the program
10 reflect the skills and competencies set forth in the subject matter
11 standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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