

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 407

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7 An Act relating to schools; creating the American
8 Civics Act; providing short title; requiring students
9 to correctly answer a certain number of questions on
10 a certain test to graduate with a standard diploma;
11 providing for method and manner of administering the
12 required test; allowing for retake of test; directing
13 certain documentation on student transcript;
14 exempting certain students; directing promulgation of
15 rules; providing for codification; providing an
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.528 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "American
22 Civics Act".

23 B. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, in order to graduate
24 from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education
with a standard diploma, students shall correctly answer at least
sixty (60) of the one hundred (100) questions listed on a test that
is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used

1 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. A school
2 district board of education or charter school governing body may
3 determine the method and manner in which to administer the test.

4 C. A student who does not obtain a passing score on the test
5 required by subsection A of this section may retake the test until
6 he or she obtains a passing score.

7 D. A school district or charter school shall document on the
8 student's transcript that the student has met the requirement of
9 subsection A of this section.

10 E. Students who have individualized education programs pursuant
11 to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) shall be
12 exempt from the requirements of this section.

13 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
14 implement the provisions of this act.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

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