

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3399

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An Act relating to schools; prohibiting state officials and entities from entering into agreements or contracts which cede state control over state educational standards and systems; directing state officials and entities to initiate amendments to certain agreements or contracts; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6a, which relates to the review of adopted curriculum; directing the State Board of Education to revise certain transition plan; granting school districts an additional two years to implement certain standards; requiring state assessments to reflect certain standards for certain time period; directing the State Board of Education to make an evaluation of certain standards; requiring opportunity for public input; requiring the Board to make comparison of certain standards; listing areas to evaluate; directing the Board to make revisions to achieve certain improvements; requiring submission of a report; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-181 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. No official, agent, agency or board of the state shall
2 enter into agreement or contract with any federal agency or private
3 entity which in any way cedes state discretion or control over
4 academic content standards, teaching standards, student assessment
5 or student data collection and use in the public school system,
6 including but not limited to agreements and contracts related to
7 funding for public schools and programs.

8 B. Any official, agent, agency or board of the state that is a
9 party to any existing agreement or contract with any federal agency
10 or private entity which in any way cedes state discretion or control
11 over academic content standards, teaching standards, student
12 assessment, or student data collection and use in the public school
13 system, including but not limited to agreements and contracts
14 related to funding for public schools and programs, shall initiate
15 necessary efforts to amend the agreements or contracts to comply
16 with this section.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6a,
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 11-103.6a A. Each area of subject matter curriculum,
20 except for technology curriculum, adopted by the State Board of
21 Education for implementation by the beginning of the 2003-04 school
22 year shall be thoroughly reviewed by the State Board every six (6)
23 years according to and in coordination with the existing subject
24 area textbook adoption cycle, and the State Board shall implement

1 any revisions in such curriculum deemed necessary to achieve further
2 improvements in the quality of education for the students of this
3 state.

4 B. By August 1, 2010, the State Board of Education shall adopt
5 revisions to the subject matter curriculum adopted by the State
6 Board for English Language Arts and Mathematics as is necessary to
7 align the curriculum with the K-12 Common Core State Standards
8 developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative, an effort
9 coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best
10 Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The
11 revised curriculum shall reflect the K-12 Common Core State
12 Standards in their entirety and may include additional standards as
13 long as the amount of additional standards is not more than fifteen
14 percent (15%) of the K-12 Common Core State Standards.

15 C. The State Board of Education shall revise the transition
16 plan for academic standards developed by the Board to allow school
17 districts an additional two years to prepare for full implementation
18 of the subject matter curriculum standards for English Language Arts
19 and Mathematics as provided for in subsection B of this section.
20 School districts shall not be required to fully implement the
21 English Language Arts and Mathematics curriculum standards as
22 provided for in subsection B of this section until the 2016-2017
23 school year. State assessments shall reflect the Priority Academic
24 Student Skills standards until the English Language Arts and

1 Mathematics curriculum standards as provided for in subsection B of
2 this section are fully implemented in all school districts in the
3 state.

4 D. 1. The State Board of Education shall evaluate the English
5 Language Arts and Mathematics curriculum standards as provided for
6 in subsection B of this section. The Board shall consider input
7 from parents, educators, higher education representatives, career
8 technology education representatives and business community
9 representatives.

10 2. The Board shall compare the English Language Arts and
11 Mathematics curriculum standards as provided for in subsection B of
12 this section and the Priority Academic Student Skills standards.
13 The Board shall consider the use of best practices, evidence and
14 research in the evaluation of both sets of standards. The Board
15 shall compare the standards in the areas of:

- 16 a. preparation for active citizenship and postsecondary
17 education of the workforce,
- 18 b. subject matter content,
- 19 c. sequencing of subject matter content and relationship
20 to measurement of student growth,
- 21 d. developmental appropriateness of grade-level
22 expectations, academic content and instructional rigor,
- 23 e. clarity for educators and parents,
- 24 f. exemplars tied to the standards,

- g. measurability of student proficiency in the subject matter,
- h. comparability to other states and international benchmarks, and
- i. pedagogy.

3. Upon completion of the evaluation, the Board shall make any revisions to the standards which are necessary to achieve further improvements in the quality of education for the students of this state and to ensure that the curriculum standards in Oklahoma reflect the inherent value and potential of every student.

4. The Board shall submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate a report outlining the evaluation and comparison results and listing any revisions made to the standards.

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

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