

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Author:</b>	<b>Sen. Ford et al./Rep. Casey et al.</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Potential cost savings and dependent on any testing vendor contracts</b>

**Research Analysis**

The bill repeals EOI testing. School districts will certify and award a standard diploma to students that master state curriculum requirements. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Regents and the Board of Career and Technology Education, must adopt an assessment or assessments that measure mastery of English, math and science. School districts will be required to administer these assessments at least once before completion of the twelfth grade, but school districts may apply to the Board to administer more assessments. It provides accommodations for students on an IEP and for ELL. Additionally, the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf will be considered local education agencies for the purposes of purchasing, administering, and obtaining test results. It provides reporting requirements for school districts including the number of students who graduate with a standard diploma and student performance on assessments. The State Department of Education will provide an annual report to the Governor and Legislature with district-level data and performance rankings.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

ESB 1170 relates to student assessments and removes language related to end-of-instruction tests serving as criterion referenced tests. School districts may apply to the State Board of Education for approval to administer assessment(s) other than those specifically adopted. In addition, language which is in the repealer is added for the Oklahoma Schools for the Blind and Deaf to be considered local education agencies in certain areas for students attending their schools.

Each school district will provide on each student's high school transcript the highest achieved performance level on the assessment(s) administered, and annually report to the State Department of Education specified information. The Department of Education will provide a specified annual report to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and post the report on its website. A repealer is provided related to mastery of state academic content standards in certain subjects, remediation or intervention, requirement for high school diplomas, and alternative methods and accommodations.

FY-17 estimated testing costs for end-of-instruction tests are \$7,308,302. Potential savings may be realized as these tests are eliminated and other assessment(s) are adopted and administered to every student at least once before completion of the twelfth grade. Costs are also dependent on testing vendor contracts.

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### **Other Considerations**

None

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