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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.541, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.541), which relates to student performance levels and cut scores; requiring that each local education agency be provided certain data to identify schools for supports and interventions; requiring State Board of Education to establish system of interventions; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.545), which relates to annual reports for Oklahoma School Testing Program; removing requirement that Board study and recommend revisions concerning certain metrics; removing exception for certain school; permitting Board to adopt alternate systems of accountability for certain schools; requiring school grade to be based on multimeasures approach based upon certain indicators; removing certain criteria in which school grade is based; requiring grade of school sites to include measure of certain measures; removing requirement that report identify certain performance of each school; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1       SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.541, as  
2 last amended by Section 9, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
3 2016, Section 1210.541), is amended to read as follows:

4       Section 1210.541 A. The Commission for Educational Quality and  
5 Accountability shall determine and adopt a series of student  
6 performance levels and the corresponding cut scores pursuant to the  
7 Oklahoma School Testing Program Act.

8       B. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability  
9 shall have the authority to set cut scores using any method which  
10 the State Board of Education was authorized to use in setting cut  
11 scores prior to July 1, 2013.

12       C. The performance levels shall be set by a method that  
13 indicates students are ready for the next grade, course, or level of  
14 education, as applicable. The Commission for Educational Quality  
15 and Accountability shall establish panels to review and revise the  
16 performance level descriptors for each subject and grade level. The  
17 Commission shall ensure that the assessments developed and  
18 administered by the State Board of Education pursuant to the  
19 Oklahoma School Testing Program Act in grades three through eight  
20 and at the secondary level are vertically aligned by content across  
21 grade levels to ensure consistency, continuity, alignment and  
22 clarity. The Commission shall adopt performance levels that are  
23 labeled and defined as follows:

1        1. Advanced, which shall indicate that students demonstrate  
2 superior performance on challenging subject matter;

3        2. Proficient, which shall indicate that students demonstrate  
4 mastery over appropriate grade-level subject matter and that  
5 students are ready for the next grade, course, or level of  
6 education, as applicable;

7        3. Limited knowledge, which shall indicate that students  
8 demonstrate partial mastery of the essential knowledge and skills  
9 appropriate to their grade level or course; and

10       4. Unsatisfactory, which shall indicate that students have not  
11 performed at least at the limited knowledge level.

12       D. The State Board of Education shall develop and implement in  
13 accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
14 (ESEA), as reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known  
15 as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), an accountability system  
16 as provided for in 20 U.S.C., 6311 and any related federal  
17 regulations. The accountability system shall be implemented  
18 beginning with the 2002-2003 school year and shall be based on the  
19 data as established pursuant to Section 1210.545 of this title and  
20 as modified to meet the mandates of the ESEA. For the 2002-2003  
21 school year and every year thereafter the State Board of Education  
22 shall publish and ensure that each local education agency is  
23 provided with data annually by site so that the local education  
24 agency can make determinations to identify schools for rewards and

1 ~~sanctions~~, and supports and interventions. The State Board of  
2 Education shall establish a system of recognition, rewards,  
3 ~~sanctions~~ interventions and technical assistance, as required by  
4 state law and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
5 (ESEA) as reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as  
6 the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

7 E. A school that is identified as in need of improvement by the  
8 State Board of Education pursuant to this section, because of  
9 failure to meet either an academic performance target or an  
10 attendance or graduation performance target, or both, and is  
11 identified as in need of improvement pursuant to the Elementary and  
12 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized and amended  
13 by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act  
14 (ESSA), shall utilize the assistance of a school support team or  
15 other similar team formed by the State Department of Education to  
16 provide support for schools in need of improvement, subject to  
17 school support team capacity. The school support team shall review  
18 and analyze all facets of operation of the school including the  
19 design and operation of the instructional program. The school  
20 support team shall assist the school in:

21 1. Incorporating strategies based on scientifically based  
22 research that will strengthen the core academic subjects in the  
23 school and address the specific academic issues that caused the  
24 school to be identified for school improvement;

1        2. Incorporating strategies to promote high quality  
2 professional development; and

3        3. Training teachers to analyze classroom and school-level data  
4 and use the data to inform instruction.

5        SECTION 2.        AMENDATORY        70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as  
6 last amended by Section 10, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
7 2016, Section 1210.545), is amended to read as follows:

8        Section 1210.545 A. 1. Except as otherwise provided, as part  
9 of the accountability system developed as provided for in Section  
10 1210.541 of this title, the State Board of Education shall prepare  
11 annual reports of the results of the Oklahoma School Testing Program  
12 which describe student achievement in the state, and each school  
13 site, pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
14 (ESEA) as reauthorized by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every  
15 Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and any related federal regulations.

16        ~~2. The Board shall study and may recommend revisions to the~~  
17 ~~Legislature to the calculation metrics of all components of the~~  
18 ~~school report cards to ensure that the evaluation system is clear,~~  
19 ~~transparent, statistically trustworthy, credible, and aligned with~~  
20 ~~the state assessment system. The Board shall seek certification~~  
21 ~~from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education that~~  
22 ~~recommended revisions, if adopted, will improve the clarity,~~  
23 ~~transparency, statistical trustworthiness, credibility, and~~  
24 ~~alignment of the evaluation system. The State Regents shall provide~~

~~the Board a detailed description of the certification process and results, including a list of any deficiencies the State Regents find with the study or the resulting recommendations. The Board shall issue a report by December 31, 2015, and submit a copy of the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The Board shall prescribe the design and content of the reports, which shall include, without limitation, descriptions of the performance of all schools participating in the Oklahoma School Testing Program and all of the major student populations as determined by the Board, and shall also include the median scores of all eligible students who scored at or in the lowest twenty-fifth percentile of the state in the previous school year. The confidentiality of individual student records shall be preserved as required by law.~~

B. The annual report as required pursuant to subsection A of this section shall identify school sites as having one of the following grades for each indicator, separately, and by a single overview grade of all indicators, defined according to rules of the State Board of Education:

1. "A" means schools making excellent progress;
2. "B" means schools making above average progress;
3. "C" means schools making satisfactory progress;

1 4. "D" means schools making less than satisfactory progress;

2 and

3 5. "F" means schools failing to make adequate progress.

4 C. Each school that has students who are tested and included in  
5 the school grading system as provided for in this section shall  
6 receive a school grade, except as follows:

7 1. A school shall not receive a school grade if the number of  
8 students tested and included in the school grading system is less  
9 than the minimum sample size necessary for statistical reliability  
10 and prevention of the unlawful release of personally identifiable  
11 student data. The State Board of Education is directed to establish  
12 the lowest minimum sample size necessary to meet the requirements of  
13 this paragraph; and

14 ~~2. A school that serves any combination of students in~~  
15 ~~kindergarten through grade three which does not receive a school~~  
16 ~~grade because the students are not tested and included in the school~~  
17 ~~grading system shall receive the school grade designation of a~~  
18 ~~feeder pattern school identified by the State Department of~~  
19 ~~Education and verified by the school district. A school feeder~~  
20 ~~pattern exists if at least sixty percent (60%) of the students in~~  
21 ~~the school serving a combination of students in kindergarten through~~  
22 ~~grade three are scheduled to be assigned to the graded school; and~~

23 ~~3.~~ The academic performance of students who are enrolled full-  
24 time in an online program that is offered by a school district or

1 charter school that is not the district of residence or is not  
2 located in the district of residence of the student shall be  
3 reported separately by the school district or charter school and  
4 shall not be included when determining the grade of the school site  
5 or charter school.

6 D. The State Board of Education may adopt alternate systems of  
7 accountability for statewide virtual charter schools, alternative  
8 education programs as defined in Section 1210.568 of this title, and  
9 schools serving only grades prekindergarten or kindergarten through  
10 two.

11 E. The grade of a school shall be based on a ~~combination of:~~

12 ~~1. Fifty percent (50%) on whole school performance, as measured~~  
13 ~~by allocating one point for each student who scores proficient or~~  
14 ~~advanced on the assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of~~  
15 ~~this title and alternative test scores administered to students~~  
16 ~~divided by the number of students taking the assessments;~~

17 ~~2. Twenty-five percent (25%) on whole school growth, as~~  
18 ~~measured by allocating one point for each student who improves~~  
19 ~~proficiency levels or improves substantially within a proficiency~~  
20 ~~level on assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of this~~  
21 ~~title divided by the number of students taking the assessments; and~~

22 ~~3. Twenty-five percent (25%) on growth in the bottom quartile~~  
23 ~~of students, as measured by allocating one point for each student in~~  
24 ~~the bottom quartile who improves proficiency levels or improves~~



~~substantially within a proficiency level on assessments administered~~  
~~under Section 1210.508 of this title divided by the number of~~  
~~students taking the assessments~~ multimeasures approach to  
accountability in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary  
Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as reauthorized by P.L. No. 114-95,  
also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and any federal  
regulations that include, but are not limited to, the following  
indicators:

1. Statewide assessments, including the establishment of  
student performance bands;

2. Graduation rates for high schools;

3. Statewide academic measures for elementary and middle  
schools;

4. English language proficiency for English learners; and

5. At least one additional statewide measure of school quality  
or student success, including, but not limited to, school climate,  
school safety, student engagement, educator engagement, and/or  
advanced coursework and postsecondary readiness.

~~E. In addition to the components outlined in subsection D of~~  
~~this section, the following bonus points shall be considered in~~  
~~determining the grade of a school site:~~

~~1. For schools comprised of high school grades:~~

- a. ~~five points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the high school graduation rate of the school, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- b. ~~one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for performance or participation of students in College Board Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, concurrent enrollment courses, Advanced International Certificate of Education courses, or the achievement of students on national industry certification, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- c. ~~one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for participation or performance in SAT tests administered by the College Board or the American College Test (ACT), as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- d. ~~one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the high school graduation rate of students who scored at limited knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-grade assessments in reading and mathematics administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title,~~
- e. ~~as valid data becomes available, one point for the performance of students on the high school assessments~~

~~administered under Section 1210.508 of this title, as  
defined by rules adopted by the Board, and~~

~~f. one point for the growth or decline in the components  
listed in subparagraphs a through e of this paragraph  
from year to year, as defined by rules adopted by the  
Board;~~

~~2. For schools comprised of middle school grades:~~

~~a. two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the  
drop-out rate of the school, as defined by rules  
adopted by the Board,~~

~~b. two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the  
percentage of students who are taking higher level  
coursework at a satisfactory or higher level, as  
defined by rules adopted by the Board, and~~

~~c. six points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for  
attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board;  
and~~

~~3. For schools comprised of elementary school grades, ten  
points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as  
defined by rules adopted by the Board.~~

~~F. Student test data used in determining school grades shall  
include:~~

1       ~~1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in~~  
2 ~~the school who have been administered the assessments administered~~  
3 ~~under Section 1210.508 of this title; and~~

4       ~~2. For schools comprised of high school grades, the data listed~~  
5 ~~in paragraph 1 of this subsection, and the following data as the~~  
6 ~~State Department of Education determines the data are valid and~~  
7 ~~available:~~

8           ~~a. the high school graduation rate of the school as~~  
9           ~~calculated by the Department,~~

10          ~~b. the participation rate of all eligible students~~  
11          ~~enrolled in the school in College Board Advanced~~  
12          ~~Placement courses whether taught at a high school, a~~  
13          ~~technology center school, or a regional site of the~~  
14          ~~Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics,~~  
15          ~~International Baccalaureate courses, concurrent~~  
16          ~~enrollment courses, Advanced International Certificate~~  
17          ~~of Education courses, courses or sequence of courses~~  
18          ~~leading to national industry certification identified~~  
19          ~~pursuant to rules adopted by the Board, courses or~~  
20          ~~sequence of courses granted cooperative college~~  
21          ~~alliance credit taken at a technology center school,~~  
22          ~~and science, technology, engineering and mathematics~~  
23          ~~courses taken at a regional site of the Oklahoma~~  
24          ~~School of Science and Mathematics,~~

- ~~e. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the school in College Board Advanced Placement courses whether taught at a high school, a technology center school, or a regional site of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, International Baccalaureate courses, and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses,~~
- ~~d. earning of college credit by all eligible students enrolled in the school in concurrent enrollment programs as provided for in Section 628.13 of this title and in cooperative college alliance courses taken at a technology center school,~~
- ~~e. earning of a national industry certification identified pursuant to rules adopted by the Board,~~
- ~~f. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the school in reading, mathematics, and other subjects as measured by the SAT test administered by the College Board and the ACT,~~
- ~~g. the high school graduation rate of all eligible students enrolled in the school who scored at limited knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-grade assessments in reading and mathematics administered under Section 1210.508 of this title,~~

1           ~~h. the performance of students on statewide high school~~  
2           ~~assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of~~  
3           ~~this title, and~~

4           ~~i. the growth or decline in the data components listed in~~  
5           ~~subparagraphs a through h of this paragraph from year~~  
6           ~~to year.~~

7           ~~G. Grades shall be calculated by combining the points earned~~  
8           ~~for whole school performance, whole school growth and growth in the~~  
9           ~~bottom quartile of students, measured pursuant to subsection D of~~  
10           ~~this section, and any bonus points earned pursuant to subsection E~~  
11           ~~of this section. Grades shall be assigned based on the following~~  
12           ~~scale:~~

13           ~~1. Ninety-seven percent (97%) to one hundred percent (100%) =~~

14           ~~A+;~~

15           ~~2. Ninety-three percent (93%) to ninety-six percent (96%) = A;~~

16           ~~3. Ninety percent (90%) to ninety-two percent (92%) = A-;~~

17           ~~4. Eighty-seven percent (87%) to eighty-nine percent (89%) =~~

18           ~~B+;~~

19           ~~5. Eighty-three percent (83%) to eighty-six percent (86%) = B;~~

20           ~~6. Eighty percent (80%) to eighty-two percent (82%) = B-;~~

21           ~~7. Seventy-seven percent (77%) to seventy-nine percent (79%) =~~

22           ~~C+;~~

23           ~~8. Seventy-three percent (73%) to seventy-six percent (76%) =~~

24           ~~C;~~

1 ~~9. Seventy percent (70%) to seventy-two percent (72%) = C ;~~

2 ~~10. Sixty-seven percent (67%) to sixty-nine percent (69%) = D+;~~

3 ~~11. Sixty-three percent (63%) to sixty-six percent (66%) = D;~~

4 ~~12. Sixty percent (60%) to sixty-two percent (62%) = D-; and~~

5 ~~13. Fifty-nine percent (59%) and below = F.~~

6 F. Of the indicators included in subsection E of this section,  
7 not less than seventy percent (70%) of the overview grade must be  
8 given to indicators 1, 2, 3 and 4 and, in the aggregate, with not  
9 more than thirty percent (30%) of the grade given to indicator 5.

10 G. Further, the grade of an elementary or middle school site  
11 shall include, but not be limited to, a measure of status for  
12 English language arts (ELA), math and science, growth in ELA and  
13 math, English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) progress, and  
14 chronic absenteeism.

15 H. The grade of a high school site shall include, but not be  
16 limited to, a measure of status for English language arts (ELA),  
17 math and science status, English Language Proficiency Assessment  
18 (ELPA) progress, graduation rate, chronic absenteeism, and  
19 postsecondary opportunities. For purposes of this section  
20 postsecondary opportunities shall include Advanced Placement,  
21 International Baccalaureate, dual and concurrent enrollment,  
22 internships, mentorships and apprenticeships, and industry  
23 certifications. The Board shall adopt a time line for moving from  
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1 completion of such opportunities to crediting achievement of such  
2 opportunities.

3 ~~H. I.~~ The annual report shall identify the performance of each  
4 school as having improved, remained the same, or declined. This  
5 school improvement rating shall be based on a comparison of the  
6 student and school performance data of the current year to the  
7 previous year data. ~~Schools that improve at least one grade level~~  
8 ~~are eligible for school recognition as established by the Board~~  
9 ~~through the accountability system developed pursuant to Section~~  
10 ~~1210.541 of this title.~~

11 ~~I. J.~~ The State Department of Education shall annually develop,  
12 ~~in collaboration with school districts and the Office of Educational~~  
13 ~~Quality and Accountability,~~ a school site report card to be  
14 delivered to parents throughout each school district. The report  
15 card shall ~~include~~ be in accordance with the requirements of the  
16 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as  
17 reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every  
18 Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and includes the grade for the school,  
19 information regarding school improvement, an explanation of school  
20 performance ~~as evaluated in accordance with the Elementary and~~  
21 ~~Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized and amended~~  
22 ~~by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act~~  
23 ~~(ESSA),~~ and indicators of return on investment. The report card for  
24 each school site shall be published annually by the Department on



1 its website, and every school district shall provide the school site  
2 report card to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in  
3 the school site. In order to provide information regarding school  
4 performance for school ~~site~~ report cards issued during the 2016-2017  
5 and 2017-2018 school year, the Department shall include an  
6 explanation of the changes to the statewide system of student  
7 assessments as required in Section 1210.508 of this title and how  
8 the transition in assessments may impact school performance. The  
9 Department shall issue school ~~site~~ report cards using the 2016-2017  
10 school year assessment data that is available.

11 ~~J.~~ K. The Legislature may factor in the performance of schools  
12 in calculating any performance-based funding policy that is provided  
13 to public school districts.

14 ~~K.~~ L. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
15 implement the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

17 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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