

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2727

By: Pittman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring basic life-skills education to be taught in public schools if funding is available; listing areas of instruction; requiring students to fulfill requirements in order to graduate; permitting school district to provide instruction for certain grades; authorizing district to determine timing for instruction; providing for integration of instruction in existing course, a separate course or independent study; authorizing instruction in person, virtually or both; allowing district to determine best courses for integration; directing State Board of Education to adopt curriculum standards for basic life skills; prescribing standards to be incorporated in state academic content standards; directing State Department of Education to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 11-103.12 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to the availability of funding and in addition to personal financial literacy education required by the Passport to Financial Literacy Act, basic life-skills education shall be taught

1 in the public schools of this state. Basic life skills shall  
2 include but are not limited to the following areas of instruction:

- 3 1. Nutrition and cooking;
- 4 2. Automobile maintenance;
- 5 3. Household repairs;
- 6 4. First aid;
- 7 5. Etiquette and social interaction;
- 8 6. Applying and interviewing for jobs;
- 9 7. State and local government;
- 10 8. Self-discipline and time management; and
- 11 9. Stress management.

12 B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and subject to the  
13 availability of funding, in order to graduate from a public high  
14 school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard  
15 diploma, students shall fulfill the requirements for a basic life-  
16 skills education.

17 C. School districts may provide instruction in basic life  
18 skills to students during grades seven through twelve. School  
19 districts shall have the option of determining when each area of  
20 instruction listed in subsection A of this section shall be  
21 presented to students.

22 D. Basic life-skills instruction may be integrated into one or  
23 more existing courses of study, provided in a separate basic life-  
24 skills course or completed through independent instruction. The

1 instruction may be offered to students attending school in person,  
2 virtually or a hybrid of both. School districts shall have the  
3 option of determining into which course or courses each area of  
4 instruction listed in subsection A of this section shall be  
5 integrated.

6 E. The State Board of Education shall identify and adopt  
7 curriculum standards for basic life skills that reflect the areas of  
8 instruction listed in subsection A of this section. The standards  
9 shall be incorporated into the state academic content standards  
10 adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the  
11 Oklahoma Statutes.

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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