

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Department of Education to develop a common course number system for public and charter schools; establishing number system requirements; allowing the Department to use the Classification of Secondary School Courses as a resource for the number system; stating which courses to include in the number system; prescribing design requirements; providing six-digit code composition recommendations; allowing schools to seek approval for nonstandard courses; requiring waivers for nonstandard courses; mandating the creation of a panel to review waivers; naming appointors for panel; requiring panel appointments to be made by certain date; establishing panel member limits; 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 11-103.17 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and the State Regents of Higher Education, the State Department of Education shall develop, implement, and maintain a common course number system to be used by all public schools and charter schools of this state for all courses taught at the

1 secondary level that are eligible for credit towards a high school
2 diploma, and are aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards.
3 Courses granted a nonstandard course waiver under subsection F of
4 this section shall also be assigned a common course number by the
5 State Department of Education.

6 B. The common course number system shall be designed to
7 describe course offerings and to provide a coherent means for
8 classifying courses across the state between school districts. At
9 the discretion of the State Department of Education, the
10 Classification of Secondary School Courses (CSSC) may be utilized as
11 a resource to create a general inventory of courses taught at the
12 secondary level. Vocational, academic, elective, apprenticeship,
13 and general courses offered for credit shall be included in the
14 common course number list and coding.

15 C. The State Department of Education shall design the common
16 course number system to provide school administrators, state and
17 local education stakeholders, and policy officials a resource to
18 convert course offerings, make comparisons of course offerings,
19 input information from transcripts, streamline master teaching
20 schedules, and to provide families usable communication tools for
21 graduation pathways in practical and efficient formats.

22 D. The following six-digit numerical code composition is
23 recommended to the State Department of Education to identify each
24 course:

1 1. The first two digits identify the main program area subject
2 such as mathematics, English language arts, history, and others;

3 2. The second set of two digits represent the set of Oklahoma
4 Academic Standards within the main program area subject that align
5 with the course such as Algebra 1, Literature, Economics, and
6 others; and

7 3. The final two numbers may be used by school districts to
8 differentiate between class sections for the same course.

9 E. The common course number system required by this section
10 shall be developed no later than March 31, 2027, and shall be
11 implemented in public schools and public charter schools beginning
12 with the 2027-2028 school year.

13 F. A school may offer a course for credit that does not fully
14 align with the Oklahoma Academic Standards if the school submits a
15 Nonstandard Course Waiver to the waiver panel described in
16 subsection G of this section, and the waiver is approved.

17 G. 1. There shall be created a panel for the purposes of
18 reviewing and approving or disapproving Nonstandard Course Waivers
19 submitted by schools. The panel shall consist of seven (7) members
20 with knowledge of, experience with, or expertise in the Oklahoma
21 Academic Standards or curriculum adoption. The panel members shall
22 be designees selected and appointed by the following:

- 23 a. the Chancellor of the Regents of Higher Education,
24 b. the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,

- c. the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate,
- d. the Superintendent of Public Instruction,
- e. the Director of Career and Technology Education,
- f. the Secretary of Education, and
- g. the Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA).

The OSSBA's panel designee shall be a locally elected school board member.

2. Initial appointments to the panel shall be made by March 31, 2027. Each designee appointed under this subsection shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, but shall not serve more than six (6) consecutive years.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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