

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 2987

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-103.6a-1, which relates to legislative review of subject matter standards; disapproving submitted standards when the Legislature fails to adopt a joint resolution; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-103.6a-1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6a-1. A. All subject matter standards and revisions to the standards adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 11-103.6a of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be subject to legislative review as set forth in this section. The standards shall not be implemented by the State Board of Education until the legislative review process is completed as provided for in this section.

B. Upon adoption of any subject matter standards, the State Board of Education shall submit the adopted standards to the Speaker

1 of the House of Representatives or a designee and the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate or a designee prior to the last thirty (30)
3 days of the legislative session.

4 C. By adoption of a joint resolution, the Legislature shall
5 approve the standards, disapprove the standards in whole or in part,
6 amend the standards in whole or in part or disapprove the standards
7 in whole or in part with instructions to the State Board of
8 Education, provided that such joint resolution becomes law in
9 accordance with Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma
10 Constitution. If the joint resolution is vetoed by the Governor in
11 accordance with Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma
12 Constitution and the veto has not been overridden, the standards
13 shall be deemed approved. If the Legislature fails to adopt a joint
14 resolution within thirty (30) legislative days following submission
15 of the standards, the standards shall be deemed ~~approved~~
16 disapproved.

17 D. If the subject matter standards are disapproved in whole or
18 are disapproved in whole with instructions as provided for in this
19 section, the State Board of Education may adopt new standards and
20 submit the new standards for legislative review pursuant to this
21 section. The State Board of Education shall continue to implement
22 current standards in place until the new standards have been
23 reviewed by the Legislature and approved as provided for in this
24 section. If the subject matter standards are amended, approved in

1 part or are disapproved in part with instructions, the State Board
2 of Education may revise the standards in accordance with the
3 legislative changes and implement the standards.

4 E. Upon final approval of the standards, the standards shall be
5 considered final agency rules. The Board shall submit a copy of the
6 standards to the Secretary of State, who shall include the standards
7 in the publication known as the "Oklahoma Administrative Code" in
8 the same manner as agency rules are published in the "Code" as
9 provided for in the Administrative Procedures Act. All standards
10 approved and published as provided for in this subsection shall have
11 the same force and effect of law as agency rules promulgated
12 pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

13 F. Unless otherwise provided by specific vote of the
14 Legislature, joint resolutions introduced for purposes of approving,
15 disapproving, amending or disapproving with instructions any subject
16 matter standards shall not be subject to regular legislative cutoff
17 dates, shall be limited to such provisions as may be necessary for
18 approving, disapproving, amending or disapproving with instructions
19 any subject matter standards and any such other direction or mandate
20 regarding the standards deemed necessary by the Legislature. The
21 joint resolution shall contain no other provisions.

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