

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 741

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to student assessments; directing the
8 Department of Career and Technology Education and the
9 Department of Labor to review and approve certain
10 assessments and credentials prior to certain school
11 year; establishing criteria for assessments;
12 requiring the assessments to be administered to
13 students in certain grade in certain school year
14 subject to funding; allowing districts to administer
15 the assessments in subsequent school years; directing
16 the assessments to be provided at no cost subject to
17 funding; directing certain credential to be made
18 available to students who meet certain proficiency
19 level on certain assessment; providing for
20 codification; providing an effective date; and
21 declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-135 of Title 70, unless there
25 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

26 A. Prior to the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, the
27 Department of Career and Technology Education in collaboration with
28 the Department of Labor shall review and approve career readiness

1 assessments and assessment-based credentials that measure and
2 document foundational workplace skills. The assessments shall:

3 1. Be a standardized, criterion-referenced measure of broadly
4 relevant foundational workplace skills;

5 2. Assess and document student readiness for a wide range of
6 jobs;

7 3. Measure skills in all or any of the following areas:

8 a. applied mathematics,

9 b. workplace documents, or

10 c. graphic literacy;

11 4. Align with research-based skill requirement profiles for
12 specific industries and occupations;

13 5. Lead to a nationally recognized work readiness certificate
14 for students who meet the minimum proficiency requirements on the
15 assessments; and

16 6. Be available in paper and computer-based formats.

17 B. Subject to the availability of funds, the assessments
18 approved pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be made
19 available to all public school districts and shall be administered
20 to students in grade twelve in the 2019-2020 school year. Each
21 school district shall have the option of administering the
22 assessments to students in grade twelve in subsequent school years.
23 Subject to the availability of funds, assessments administered
24 pursuant to this section shall be at no cost to school districts.

1 C. The assessment-based credential approved pursuant to
2 subsection A of this section shall be made available to any student
3 who achieves the required proficiency level on the assessment
4 administered pursuant to subsection B of this section.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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