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3 SENATE BILL 1102

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
9 Section 11-103.6, which relates to subject matter
10 standards; modifying inclusions for social studies
11 curriculum; and providing an effective date.

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

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

16 Section 11-103.6. A. 1. The State Board of Education shall
17 adopt subject matter standards for instruction of students in the
18 public schools of this state that are necessary to ensure there is
19 attainment of desired levels of competencies in a variety of areas
20 to include language, mathematics, science, social studies,
21 communication and health and physical education.

22 2. School districts shall develop and implement curriculum,
23 courses and instruction in order to ensure that students meet the
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1 skills and competencies as set forth in this section and in the
2 subject matter standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

3 3. All students shall gain literacy at the elementary and
4 secondary levels. Students shall develop skills in reading,
5 writing, speaking, computing and critical thinking. For purposes of
6 this section, critical thinking means a manner of analytical
7 thinking which is logical and uses linear factual analysis to reach
8 a conclusion. They shall learn about cultures and environments -
9 their own and those of others with whom they share the earth. All
10 students shall receive the instruction needed to lead healthy and
11 physically active lifestyles. Students, therefore, shall study
12 social studies, literature, languages, the arts, health, mathematics
13 and science. Such curricula shall provide for the teaching of a
14 hands-on career exploration program in cooperation with technology
15 center schools.

16 4. The subject matter standards shall be designed to teach the
17 competencies for which students shall be tested as provided in
18 Section 1210.508 of this title and shall be designed to prepare all
19 students for active citizenship, employment and/or successful
20 completion of postsecondary education without the need for remedial
21 coursework at the postsecondary level.

22 5. The subject matter standards shall be designed with rigor as
23 defined in paragraph 3 of subsection F of this section.
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1 6. The subject matter standards for English Language Arts shall
2 give Classic Literature and nonfiction literature equal
3 consideration to other literature. In addition, emphasis shall be
4 given to the study of complete works of literature.

5 7. At a minimum, the subject matter standards for mathematics
6 shall require mastery of the standard algorithms in mathematics,
7 which is the most logical, efficient way of solving a problem that
8 consistently works, and for students to attain fluency in Euclidian
9 geometry.

10 8. The subject matter standards for history, social studies and
11 United States Government shall include the content of the United
12 States naturalization test, with an emphasis on the specific content
13 of the test and the ideas and concepts it references. The United
14 States naturalization test shall be made available in physical and
15 electronic online formats as an optional assessment tool for
16 teachers. The subject matter standards for social studies shall
17 include at least forty-five (45) minutes of instruction on "Victims
18 of Communism Day", on or around November 7th of each year, on topics
19 such as Mao Zedong in China, Joseph Stalin and the Soviet System,
20 Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution, Vladimir Lenin and the
21 Russian Revolution, Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam, and Nicolas Maduro in
22 Venezuela and how the victims suffered under these regimes through
23 suppression of speech, poverty, starvation, migration, and systemic
24 lethal violence against civilians.

1 9. The subject matter standards for United States Government
2 shall include an emphasis on civics. For the purposes of this
3 section, "civics" means the study of the rights and duties of
4 Oklahoma and United States citizens and of how those governments
5 work.

6 10. The subject matter standards for health and physical
7 education shall include but not be limited to the domains of
8 physical, emotional, social and intellectual health. Health
9 literacy shall include the ability to obtain, process and understand
10 basic health information and services needed to make appropriate
11 health decisions. Health shall also include the importance of
12 proper nutrition and exercise, mental health and wellness, substance
13 abuse, coping skills for understanding and managing trauma,
14 establishing and maintaining positive relationships and responsible
15 decision making. Physical literacy shall include the ability to
16 move with competence and confidence in a wide variety of physical
17 activities in multiple environments that benefit the healthy
18 development of the whole person.

19 B. Subject to the provisions of subsection C of this section,
20 in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the
21 State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall
22 complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum
23 units or sets of competencies at the secondary level:
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1 1. Four units or sets of competencies of English to include
2 Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for
3 college admission requirements;

4 2. Three units or sets of competencies of mathematics, limited
5 to Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis,
6 Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or any mathematics course
7 with content and/or rigor above Algebra I and approved for college
8 admission requirements;

9 3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science
10 approved for college admission requirements including one unit or
11 set of competencies of life science meeting the standards for
12 Biology I; one unit or set of competencies of physical science
13 meeting the standards for Physical Science, Chemistry or Physics;
14 and one unit or set of competencies from the domains of physical
15 science, life science or earth and space science such that the
16 content and rigor is above Biology I or Physical Science;

17 4. Three units or sets of competencies of history and
18 citizenship skills including one unit of American History, 1/2 unit
19 of Oklahoma History, 1/2 unit of United States Government and one
20 unit from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics,
21 Civics, or non-Western culture and approved for college admission
22 requirements;

23 5. Two units or sets of competencies of the same world or non-
24 English language or two units of computer technology approved for
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1 college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school or a
2 technology center school, including computer programming, hardware,
3 and business computer applications, such as word processing,
4 databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding keyboarding or
5 typing courses;

6 6. One additional unit or set of competencies selected from
7 paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection or career and technology
8 education courses, concurrently enrolled courses, Advanced Placement
9 courses or International Baccalaureate courses approved for college
10 admission requirements; and

11 7. One unit or set of competencies of fine arts, such as music,
12 art, or drama, or one unit or set of competencies of speech.

13 C. In lieu of the requirements of subsection B of this section
14 which requires a college preparatory/work ready curriculum, a
15 student may enroll in the core curriculum as provided in subsection
16 D of this section upon written approval of the parent or legal
17 guardian of the student. For students under the age of eighteen
18 (18), school districts shall require a parent or legal guardian of
19 the student to meet with a designee of the school prior to
20 enrollment in the core curriculum. The State Department of
21 Education shall develop and distribute to school districts a form
22 suitable for this purpose, which shall include information on the
23 benefits to students of completing the college preparatory/work
24 ready curriculum as provided for in subsection B of this section.

1 D. For those students subject to the requirements of subsection
2 C of this section, in order to graduate from a public high school
3 accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma,
4 students shall complete the following core curriculum units or sets
5 of competencies at the secondary level:

6 1. Language Arts - 4 units or sets of competencies to consist
7 of 1 unit or set of competencies of grammar and composition, and 3
8 units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited
9 to, the following courses:

- 10 a. American Literature,
- 11 b. English Literature,
- 12 c. World Literature,
- 13 d. Advanced English Courses, or
- 14 e. other English courses with content and/or rigor equal
15 to or above grammar and composition;

16 2. Mathematics - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist of
17 1 unit or set of competencies of Algebra I or Algebra I taught in a
18 contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies which
19 may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:

- 20 a. Algebra II,
- 21 b. Geometry or Geometry taught in a contextual
22 methodology,
- 23 c. Trigonometry,
- 24 d. Math Analysis or Precalculus,

- 1 e. Calculus,
- 2 f. Statistics and/or Probability,
- 3 g. Computer Science or acceptance and successful
- 4 completion of one (1) year of a full-time, three-hour
- 5 career and technology program leading to an industry
- 6 credential/certificate or college credit. The State
- 7 Board of Career and Technology Education shall
- 8 promulgate rules to define the provisions of this
- 9 section related to the accepted industry-valued
- 10 credentials which are industry-endorsed or industry-
- 11 aligned. The list of accepted industry-valued
- 12 credentials shall be reviewed annually and updated at
- 13 least every three (3) years by the Board,
- 14 h. (1) contextual mathematics courses which enhance
- 15 technology preparation, or
- 16 (2) a science, technology, engineering and math
- 17 (STEM) block course meeting the requirements for
- 18 course competencies listed in paragraph 2 of
- 19 subsection B of this section, whether taught at
- 20 a:
- 21 (a) comprehensive high school, or
- 22 (b) technology center school when taken in the
- 23 tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by
- 24 a certified teacher, and approved by the
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1 State Board of Education and the independent
2 district board of education,

- 3 i. mathematics courses taught at a technology center
4 school by a teacher certified in the secondary subject
5 area when taken in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth
6 grade upon approval of the State Board of Education
7 and the independent district board of education, or
8 j. any other mathematics course with content and/or rigor
9 equal to or above Algebra I;

10 3. Science - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist of 1
11 unit or set of competencies of Biology I or Biology I taught in a
12 contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies in the
13 areas of life, physical, or earth science or technology which may
14 include, but are not limited to, the following courses:

- 15 a. Chemistry I,
16 b. Physics,
17 c. Biology II,
18 d. Chemistry II,
19 e. Physical Science,
20 f. Earth Science,
21 g. Botany,
22 h. Zoology,
23 i. Physiology,
24 j. Astronomy,

- 1 k. Applied Biology/Chemistry,
2 l. Applied Physics,
3 m. Principles of Technology,
4 n. qualified agricultural education courses,
5 o. (1) contextual science courses which enhance
6 technology preparation, or
7 (2) a science, technology, engineering and math
8 (STEM) block course meeting the requirements for
9 course competencies listed in paragraph 3 of
10 subsection B of this section, whether taught at
11 a:
12 (a) comprehensive high school, or
13 (b) technology center school when taken in the
14 tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by
15 a certified teacher, and approved by the
16 State Board of Education and the independent
17 district board of education,
18 p. science courses taught at a technology center school
19 by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area
20 when taken in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade
21 upon approval of the State Board of Education and the
22 independent district board of education, or
23 q. other science courses with content and/or rigor equal
24 to or above Biology I;

1 4. Social Studies - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist
2 of 1 unit or set of competencies of United States History, 1/2 to 1
3 unit or set of competencies of United States Government, 1/2 unit or
4 set of competencies of Oklahoma History, and 1/2 to 1 unit or set of
5 competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the
6 following courses:

7 a. World History,

8 b. Geography,

9 c. Economics,

10 d. Anthropology, or

11 e. other social studies courses with content and/or rigor
12 equal to or above United States History, United States
13 Government, and Oklahoma History;

14 5. Arts - 1 unit or set of competencies which may include, but
15 is not limited to, courses in Visual Arts and General Music; and

16 6. Computer Education or World Language - 1 unit or set of
17 competencies of computer technology, whether taught at a high school
18 or a technology center school, including computer programming,
19 hardware and business computer applications, such as word
20 processing, databases, spreadsheets and graphics, excluding
21 keyboarding or typing courses, or 1 unit or set of competencies of
22 world or non-English language.

23 E. 1. In addition to the curriculum requirements of either
24 subsection B or D of this section, in order to graduate from a

1 public high school accredited by the State Board of Education
2 students shall complete the requirements for a personal financial
3 literacy passport as set forth in the Passport to Financial Literacy
4 Act and any additional course requirements or recommended elective
5 courses as may be established by the State Board of Education and
6 the district school board. School districts shall strongly
7 encourage students to complete two units or sets of competencies of
8 world languages and two units or sets of competencies of physical
9 and health education.

10 2. No student shall receive credit for high school graduation
11 more than once for completion of the same unit or set of
12 competencies to satisfy the curriculum requirements of this section.

13 3. A school district shall not be required to offer every
14 course listed in subsections B and D of this section but shall offer
15 sufficient courses to allow a student to meet the graduation
16 requirements during the secondary grade years of the student.

17 F. For purposes of this section:

18 1. "Contextual methodology" means academic content and skills
19 taught by utilizing real-world problems and projects in a way that
20 helps students understand the application of that knowledge;

21 2. "Qualified agricultural education courses" means courses
22 that have been determined by the State Board of Education to offer
23 the sets of competencies for one or more science content areas and
24 which correspond to academic science courses. Qualified

1 agricultural education courses shall include, but are not limited
2 to, Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science, Natural Resources and
3 Environmental Science, and Animal Science. The courses shall be
4 taught by teachers certified in agricultural education and comply
5 with all rules of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
6 Education;

7 3. "Rigor" means a level of difficulty that is thorough,
8 exhaustive and accurate and is appropriate for the grade level;

9 4. "Sets of competencies" means instruction in those skills and
10 competencies that are specified in the subject matter standards
11 adopted by the State Board of Education and other skills and
12 competencies adopted by the Board, without regard to specified
13 instructional time; and

14 5. "Unit" means a Carnegie Unit as defined by the North Central
15 Association's Commission on Schools.

16 G. 1. The State Board of Education shall adopt a plan to
17 ensure that rigor is maintained in the content, teaching
18 methodology, level of expectations for student achievement, and
19 application of learning in all the courses taught to meet the
20 graduation requirements as specified in this section.

21 2. The State Board of Education shall allow as much flexibility
22 at the district level as is possible without diminishing the rigor
23 or undermining the intent of providing these courses. To accomplish
24 this purpose, the State Department of Education shall work with
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1 school districts in reviewing and approving courses taught by
2 districts that are not specifically listed in subsections B and D of
3 this section. Options may include, but shall not be limited to,
4 courses taken by concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or
5 correspondence, or courses bearing different titles.

6 3. The State Board of Education shall approve an advanced
7 placement computer science course to meet the requirements of course
8 competencies listed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section
9 if the course is taken in a student's senior year and the student is
10 concurrently enrolled in or has successfully completed Algebra II.

11 4. Technology center school districts may offer programs
12 designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education which
13 have an emphasis on a focused field of career study upon approval of
14 the State Board of Education and the independent district board of
15 education. Students in the tenth grade may be allowed to attend
16 these programs for up to one-half (1/2) of a school day and credit
17 for the units or sets of competencies required in paragraphs 2, 3
18 and 6 of subsection B or D of this section shall be given if the
19 courses are taught by a teacher certified in the secondary subject
20 area; provided, credit for units or sets of competencies pursuant to
21 subsection B of this section shall be approved for college admission
22 requirements.

23 5. If a student enrolls in a concurrent course, the school
24 district shall not be responsible for any costs incurred for that

1 course, unless the school district does not offer enough course
2 selection during the student's secondary grade years to allow the
3 student to receive the courses needed to meet the graduation
4 requirements of this section. If the school district does not offer
5 the necessary course selection during the student's secondary grade
6 years, it shall be responsible for the cost of resident tuition at
7 an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
8 fees, and books for the concurrent enrollment course, and providing
9 for transportation to and from the institution to the school site.

10 It is the intent of the Legislature that for students enrolled
11 in a concurrent enrollment course which is paid for by the school
12 district pursuant to this paragraph, the institution charge only the
13 supplementary and special service fees that are directly related to
14 the concurrent enrollment course and enrollment procedures for that
15 student. It is further the intent of the Legislature that fees for
16 student activities and student service facilities including the
17 student health care and cultural and recreational service fees not
18 be charged to such students.

19 6. Credit for the units or sets of competencies required in
20 subsection B or D of this section shall be given when such units or
21 sets of competencies are taken prior to ninth grade if the teachers
22 are certified or authorized to teach the subjects for high school
23 credit and the required rigor is maintained.

1 7. The three units or sets of competencies in mathematics
2 required in subsection B or D of this section shall be completed in
3 the ninth through twelfth grades. If a student completes any
4 required courses or sets of competencies in mathematics prior to
5 ninth grade, the student may take any other mathematics courses or
6 sets of competencies to fulfill the requirement to complete three
7 units or sets of competencies in grades nine through twelve after
8 the student has satisfied the requirements of subsection B or D of
9 this section.

10 8. All units or sets of competencies required for graduation
11 may be taken in any sequence recommended by the school district.

12 H. As a condition of receiving accreditation from the State
13 Board of Education, all students in grades nine through twelve shall
14 enroll in a minimum of six periods, or the equivalent in block
15 scheduling or other scheduling structure that allows for instruction
16 in sets of competencies, of rigorous academic and/or rigorous
17 vocational courses each day, which may include arts, vocal and
18 instrumental music, speech classes, and physical education classes.

19 I. 1. Academic and vocational-technical courses designed to
20 offer sets of competencies integrated or embedded within the course
21 that provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills
22 and knowledge in the subject matter standards, as adopted by the
23 State Board of Education, may upon approval of the Board, in
24 consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology

1 Education if the courses are offered at a technology center school
2 district, be counted for academic credit and toward meeting the
3 graduation requirements of this section.

4 2. Internet-based courses offered by a technology center school
5 that are taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching
6 and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject
7 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education
8 and the independent district board of education, be counted for
9 academic credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of
10 this section.

11 3. Internet-based courses or vocational-technical courses
12 utilizing integrated or embedded skills for which no subject matter
13 standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education may be
14 approved by the Board, in consultation with the Oklahoma Department
15 of Career and Technology Education if the courses are offered at a
16 technology center school district, if such courses incorporate
17 standards of nationally recognized professional organizations and
18 are taught by certified teachers.

19 4. Courses offered by a supplemental education organization
20 that is accredited by a national accrediting body and that are
21 taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching and
22 learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject
23 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education
24 and the school district board of education, be counted for academic

1 credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this
2 section.

3 J. The State Board of Education shall provide an option for
4 high school graduation based upon attainment of the desired levels
5 of competencies as required in tests pursuant to the provisions of
6 Section 1210.508 of this title. Such option shall be in lieu of the
7 amount of course credits earned.

8 K. The State Board of Education shall prescribe, adopt and
9 approve a promotion system based on the attainment by students of
10 specified levels of competencies in each area of the core
11 curriculum.

12 L. Children who have individualized education programs pursuant
13 to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and who
14 satisfy the graduation requirements through the individualized
15 education program for that student shall be awarded a standard
16 diploma.

17 M. Students who enter the ninth grade in or prior to the 2007-
18 08 school year who are enrolled in an alternative education program
19 and meet the requirements of their plans leading to high school
20 graduation developed pursuant to Section 1210.568 of this title
21 shall be awarded a standard diploma.

22 N. Any student who completes the curriculum requirements of the
23 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program shall be awarded a
24 standard diploma.

1 O. Any student who successfully completes an advanced
2 mathematics or science course offered pursuant to Section 1210.404
3 of this title shall be granted academic credit toward meeting the
4 graduation requirements pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3, as
5 appropriate, of subsection B or D of this section.

6 P. For purposes of this section, the courses approved for
7 college admission requirements shall be courses which are approved
8 by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for admission to
9 an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

10 Q. Students who have been denied a standard diploma by the
11 school district in which the student is or was enrolled for failing
12 to meet the requirements of this section may re-enroll in the school
13 district that denied the student a standard diploma following the
14 denial of a standard diploma. The student shall be provided
15 remediation or intervention and the opportunity to complete the
16 curriculum units or sets of competencies required by this section to
17 obtain a standard diploma. Students who re-enroll in the school
18 district to meet the graduation requirements of this section shall
19 be exempt from the hourly instructional requirements of Section 1-
20 111 of this title and the six-period enrollment requirements of this
21 section.

22 R. The State Department of Education shall collect and report
23 data by school site and district on the number of students who
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1 enroll in the core curriculum as provided in subsection D of this
2 section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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