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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing board of
8 education to adopt a policy for accepting coursework
9 credits completed elsewhere; requiring specific and
10 adequate notice of the policy; mandating board to
11 accept certain credits and grades; permitting
12 reasonable timelines and documentation for
13 determination; providing methods for student to earn
14 credit in certain cases; requiring notification if
15 credit is denied by the board; authorizing student to
16 appeal denial to the State Board of Education;
17 providing timing for notification and appeal;
18 prescribing process for appeal; directing Board to
19 collect and publish information on its website about
20 each board's policy; providing for codification;
21 providing an effective date; and declaring an
22 emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-100 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A school district board of education shall adopt a written
policy, at a public meeting, establishing the process and standards
for acceptance and reciprocity of credits for courses completed by a
student at another school or educational provider. The policy shall

1 include specific and adequate notice to a student and the student's
2 parent of all policy requirements and limitations.

3 B. The board shall accept credits and grades for courses
4 completed by a student from a school or educational provider
5 accredited by an accrediting entity. The policy may set reasonable
6 timelines and may require adequate and timely documentation of
7 authenticity for credits and grades submitted by a student.

8 C. A policy established by the board shall provide various
9 methods for a student to earn credit completed at a non-accredited
10 source, coursework, or educational provider including:

- 11 1. Satisfaction of coursework by demonstrated competency;
- 12 2. Assessment;
- 13 3. Review of student work or projects; or
- 14 4. Satisfaction of correspondence coursework.

15 D. If a board denies a student credit or grades from a non-
16 accredited source, the board shall notify the student in writing
17 within ten (10) days of the decision. The student or the student's
18 parent or legal guardian may appeal the denial to the State Board of
19 Education in writing within ten (10) days of receiving the denial
20 notice. The student or the student's parent or legal guardian may
21 present written or verbal evidence to the State Board of Education,
22 and the Board shall decide to grant or deny the appeal at its next
23 regularly scheduled Board meeting.

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1 E. The State Board of Education shall collect and annually
2 publish on its website each board's policy adopted pursuant to this
3 section.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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