

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2650

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring basic life-
8 skills education to be taught in public schools if
9 funding is available; listing areas of instruction;
10 requiring students to fulfill requirements in order
11 to graduate; permitting school district to provide
12 instruction for certain grades; authorizing district
13 to determine timing for instruction; providing for
14 integration of instruction in existing course or as a
15 separate course; allowing district to determine best
16 courses for integration; directing State Board of
17 Education to adopt curriculum standards for basic
18 life skills; prescribing standards to be incorporated
19 in state academic content standards; directing State
20 Department of Education to promulgate rules;
21 providing for codification; and providing an
22 effective date.

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 11-103.12 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to the availability of funding and in addition to
personal financial literacy education required by the Passport to
Financial Literacy Act, basic life-skills education shall be taught

1 in the public schools of this state. Basic life skills shall
2 include but are not limited to the following areas of instruction:

- 3 1. Nutrition and cooking;
- 4 2. Automobile maintenance;
- 5 3. Household repairs;
- 6 4. First Aid;
- 7 5. Etiquette and social interaction;
- 8 6. Applying and interviewing for jobs;
- 9 7. State and local government;
- 10 8. Self-discipline and time management; and
- 11 9. Stress management.

12 B. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and subject to the
13 availability of funding, in order to graduate from a public high
14 school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard
15 diploma, students shall fulfill the requirements for a basic life-
16 skills education.

17 C. School districts may provide instruction in basic life
18 skills to students during grades seven through twelve. School
19 districts shall have the option of determining when each area of
20 instruction listed in subsection A of this section shall be
21 presented to students.

22 D. Basic life-skills instruction may be integrated into one or
23 more existing courses of study or provided in a separate basic life-
24 skills course. School districts shall have the option of

1 determining into which course or courses each area of instruction
2 listed in subsection A of this section shall be integrated.

3 E. The State Board of Education shall identify and adopt
4 curriculum standards for basic life skills that reflect the areas of
5 instruction listed in subsection A of this section. The standards
6 shall be incorporated into the state academic content standards
7 adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes.

9 F. The State Department of Education shall promulgate rules to
10 implement the provisions of this act.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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