1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)
3	SENATE BILL 1413 By: Dossett
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7	An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6, as last amended by Section 1,
8	Chapter 118, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1, 11-103.6), which relates to curricular standards;
9	requiring certain units or sets of competencies to be taken in certain grades; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
10	Section 1210.508, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section
11	1210.508), which relates to the statewide system of student assessments; removing the requirement to
12	administer assessments in U.S. History; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and
13	declaring an emergency.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
17	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6, as
18	last amended by Section 1, Chapter 118, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp.
19	2017, Section 11-103.6), is amended to read as follows:
20	Section 11-103.6. A. 1. The State Board of Education shall
21	adopt subject matter standards for instruction of students in the
22	public schools of this state that are necessary to ensure there is
23	attainment of desired levels of competencies in a variety of areas
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1 to include language, mathematics, science, social studies and 2 communication.

2. School districts shall develop and implement curriculum, 4 courses and instruction in order to ensure that students meet the 5 skills and competencies as set forth in this section and in the 6 subject matter standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

7 3. All students shall gain literacy at the elementary and secondary levels. Students shall develop skills in reading, 8 9 writing, speaking, computing and critical thinking. For purposes of 10 this section, critical thinking means a manner of analytical 11 thinking which is logical and uses linear factual analysis to reach 12 a conclusion. They also shall learn about cultures and environments 13 - their own and those of others with whom they share the earth. Students, therefore, shall study social studies, literature, 14 languages, the arts, mathematics and science. Such curricula shall 15 provide for the teaching of a hands-on career exploration program in 16 cooperation with technology center schools. 17

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

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5. The subject matter standards shall be designed with rigor as
 defined in paragraph 3 of subsection F of this section.

6. The subject matter standards for English Language Arts shall
give Classic Literature and nonfiction literature equal
consideration to other literature. In addition, emphasis shall be
given to the study of complete works of literature.

7 7. At a minimum, the subject matter standards for mathematics 8 shall require mastery of the standard algorithms in mathematics, 9 which is the most logical, efficient way of solving a problem that 10 consistently works, and for students to attain fluency in Euclidian 11 geometry.

B. Subject to the provisions of subsection C of this section, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum units or sets of competencies at the secondary level:

Four units or sets of competencies of English to include
 Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for
 college admission requirements;

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

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1 3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science approved for college admission requirements, including one unit or 2 set of competencies of life science, meeting the standards for 3 Biology I; one unit or set of competencies of physical science, 4 5 meeting the standards for Physical Science, Chemistry or Physics; and one unit or set of competencies from the domains of physical 6 science, life science or earth and space science such that the 7 content and rigor is above Biology I or Physical Science; 8

9 4. Three units or sets of competencies of history and
10 citizenship skills, including one unit of American History, 1/2 unit
11 of Oklahoma History, 1/2 unit of United States Government, which
12 <u>shall be taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade</u>, and one unit from
13 the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, Civics,
14 or non-Western culture and approved for college admission
15 requirements;

16 5. Two units or sets of competencies of the same foreign or 17 non-English language or two units of computer technology approved 18 for college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school 19 or a technology center school, including computer programming, 20 hardware, and business computer applications, such as word 21 processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding 22 keyboarding or typing courses;

23 6. One additional unit or set of competencies selected from24 paragraphs 1 through 5 of this subsection or career and technology

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education courses, concurrently enrolled courses, Advanced Placement courses or International Baccalaureate courses approved for college admission requirements; and

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

In lieu of the requirements of subsection B of this section 6 С. 7 which requires a college preparatory/work ready curriculum, a student may enroll in the core curriculum as provided in subsection 8 9 D of this section upon written approval of the parent or legal 10 guardian of the student. School districts may require a parent or 11 legal guardian of the student to meet with a designee of the school 12 prior to enrollment in the core curriculum. The State Department of Education shall develop and distribute to school districts a form 13 suitable for this purpose, which shall include information on the 14 benefits to students of completing the college preparatory/work 15 ready curriculum as provided for in subsection B of this section. 16

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

Language Arts - 4 units or sets of competencies, to consist
 of 1 unit or set of competencies of grammar and composition, and 3

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units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited
 to, the following courses:

3	a. American Literature,
4	b. English Literature,
5	c. World Literature,
6	d. Advanced English Courses, or
7	e. other English courses with content and/or rigor equal
8	to or above grammar and composition;
9	2. Mathematics - 3 units or sets of competencies, to consist of
10	1 unit or set of competencies of Algebra I or Algebra I taught in a
11	contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies which
12	may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:
13	a. Algebra II,
14	b. Geometry or Geometry taught in a contextual
15	methodology,
16	c. Trigonometry,
17	d. Math Analysis or Precalculus,
18	e. Calculus,
19	f. Statistics and/or Probability,
20	g. Computer Science,
21	h. (1) contextual mathematics courses which enhance
22	technology preparation, or
23	(2) a science, technology, engineering and math
24	(STEM) block course meeting the requirements for

course competencies listed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section, whether taught at a:

- 4 (a) comprehensive high school, or
 5 (b) technology center school when taken in the
 6 tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by
 7 a certified teacher, and approved by the
 8 State Board of Education and the independent
 9 district board of education,
- i. mathematics courses taught at a technology center
 school by a teacher certified in the secondary subject
 area when taken in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth
 grade upon approval of the State Board of Education
 and the independent district board of education, or
 j. equal to or above Algebra I;

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

- a. Chemistry I,
- 22 b. Physics,

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- 23 c. Biology II,
- 24 d. Chemistry II,

2 f. Earth Science,	
3 g. Botany,	
4 h. Zoology,	
5 i. Physiology,	
6 j. Astronomy,	
7 k. Applied Biology/Chemistry,	
8 l. Applied Physics,	
9 m. Principles of Technology,	
10 n. qualified agricultural education courses,	
11 o. (1) contextual science courses which enh	ance
12 technology preparation, or	
13 (2) a science, technology, engineering a	nd math
14 (STEM) block course meeting the requ	irements for
15 course competencies listed in paragr	aph 3 of
16 subsection B of this section, whethe	er taught at
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18 (a) comprehensive high school, or	
19 (b) technology center school when t	aken in the
20 tenth, eleventh or twelfth grad	le, taught by
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22 State Board of Education and th	e independent
23 district board of education,	
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 by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area when taken in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education, or other science courses with content and/or rigor equal 	
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6 a. other science courses with content and/or rigor equ	
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7 to or above Biology I;	
8 4. Social Studies - 3 units or sets of competencies, to cons	Lst
9 of 1 unit or set of competencies of United States History, 1/2 to	1
10 unit or set of competencies of United States Government, which sha	<u>all</u>
11 be taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade, 1/2 unit or set of	
12 competencies of Oklahoma History, and 1/2 to 1 unit or set of	
13 competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the	
14 following courses:	
15 a. World History,	
16 b. Geography,	
17 c. Economics,	
18 d. Anthropology, or	
19 e. other social studies courses with content and/or ric	jor
20 equal to or above United States History, United Sta	ces
21 Government, and Oklahoma History;	
22 5. Arts - 1 unit or set of competencies which may include, by	ıt
23 is not limited to, courses in Visual Arts and General Music; and	
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Computer Education or World Language - 1 unit or set of
 competencies of computer technology, whether taught at a high school
 or a technology center school, including computer programming,
 hardware and business computer applications, such as word
 processing, databases, spreadsheets and graphics, excluding
 keyboarding or typing courses, or 1 unit or set of competencies of
 foreign or non-English language.

In addition to the curriculum requirements of either 8 Е. 1. 9 subsection B or D of this section, in order to graduate from a 10 public high school accredited by the State Board of Education 11 students shall complete the requirements for a personal financial 12 literacy passport as set forth in the Passport to Financial Literacy Act and any additional course requirements or recommended elective 13 courses as may be established by the State Board of Education and 14 the district school board. School districts shall strongly 15 encourage students to complete two units or sets of competencies of 16 17 foreign languages and two units or sets of competencies of physical and health education. 18

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

3. A school district shall not be required to offer everycourse listed in subsections B and D of this section, but shall

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offer sufficient courses to allow a student to meet the graduation
 requirements during the secondary grade years of the student.

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F. For purposes of this section:

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

"Qualified agricultural education courses" means courses 7 2. that have been determined by the State Board of Education to offer 8 9 the sets of competencies for one or more science content areas and 10 which correspond to academic science courses. Qualified 11 agricultural education courses shall include, but are not limited 12 to, Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science, Natural Resources and Environmental Science, and Animal Science. The courses shall be 13 taught by teachers certified in agricultural education and comply 14 15 with all rules of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; 16

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

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

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

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

2. The State Board of Education shall allow as much flexibility 8 9 at the district level as is possible without diminishing the rigor 10 or undermining the intent of providing these courses. To accomplish 11 this purpose, the State Department of Education shall work with school districts in reviewing and approving courses taught by 12 districts that are not specifically listed in subsections B and D of 13 this section. Options may include, but shall not be limited to, 14 courses taken by concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or 15 correspondence, or courses bearing different titles. 16

17 3. The State Board of Education shall approve an advanced 18 placement computer science course to meet the requirements of course 19 competencies listed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section 20 if the course is taken in a student's senior year and the student is 21 concurrently enrolled in or has successfully completed Algebra II.

Technology center school districts may offer programs
 designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education which
 have an emphasis on a focused field of career study upon approval of

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1 the State Board of Education and the independent district board of 2 education. Students in the tenth grade may be allowed to attend 3 these programs for up to one-half (1/2) of a school day and credit for the units or sets of competencies required in paragraphs 2, 3 4 5 and 6 of subsection B or D of this section shall be given if the courses are taught by a teacher certified in the secondary subject 6 area; provided, credit for units or sets of competencies pursuant to 7 subsection B of this section shall be approved for college admission 8 9 requirements.

10 5. If a student enrolls in a concurrent course, the school district shall not be responsible for any costs incurred for that 11 12 course, unless the school district does not offer enough course selection during the student's secondary grade years to allow the 13 student to receive the courses needed to meet the graduation 14 requirements of this section. If the school district does not offer 15 the necessary course selection during the student's secondary grade 16 years, it shall be responsible for the cost of resident tuition at 17 an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, 18 fees, and books for the concurrent enrollment course, and providing 19 for transportation to and from the institution to the school site. 20

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

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

11 7. The three units or sets of competencies in mathematics 12 required in subsection B or D of this section shall be completed in the ninth through twelfth grades. If a student completes any 13 required courses or sets of competencies in mathematics prior to 14 15 ninth grade, the student may take any other mathematics courses or sets of competencies to fulfill the requirement to complete three 16 units or sets of competencies in grades nine through twelve after 17 the student has satisfied the requirements of subsection B or D of 18 this section. 19

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

H. As a condition of receiving accreditation from the State
Board of Education, all students in grades nine through twelve shall
enroll in a minimum of six periods, or the equivalent in block

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1 scheduling or other scheduling structure that allows for instruction 2 in sets of competencies, of rigorous academic and/or rigorous 3 vocational courses each day, which may include arts, vocal and instrumental music, speech classes, and physical education classes. 4 5 I. 1. Academic and vocational-technical courses designed to offer sets of competencies integrated or embedded within the course 6 7 that provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject matter standards, as adopted by the 8 9 State Board of Education, may upon approval of the Board, in 10 consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology 11 Education if the courses are offered at a technology center school 12 district, be counted for academic credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this section. 13

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

3. Internet-based courses or vocational-technical courses
 utilizing integrated or embedded skills for which no subject matter
 standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education may be
 approved by the Board, in consultation with the Oklahoma Department

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of Career and Technology Education if the courses are offered at a
 technology center school district, if such courses incorporate
 standards of nationally recognized professional organizations and
 are taught by certified teachers.

5 4. Courses offered by a supplemental education organization that is accredited by a national accrediting body and that are 6 7 taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject 8 9 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education 10 and the school district board of education, be counted for academic 11 credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this 12 section.

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

18 K. The State Board of Education shall prescribe, adopt and 19 approve a promotion system based on the attainment by students of 20 specified levels of competencies in each area of the core 21 curriculum.

L. Children who have individualized education programs pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and who satisfy the graduation requirements through the individualized

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education program for that student shall be awarded a standard
 diploma.

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

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

11 0. Any student who successfully completes an advanced 12 mathematics or science course offered pursuant to Section 1210.404 13 of this title shall be granted academic credit toward meeting the 14 graduation requirements pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3, as 15 appropriate, of subsection B or D of this section.

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

20 Q. Students who have been denied a standard diploma by the 21 school district in which the student is or was enrolled for failing 22 to meet the requirements of this section may re-enroll in the school 23 district that denied the student a standard diploma following the 24 denial of a standard diploma. The student shall be provided

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remediation or intervention and the opportunity to complete the curriculum units or sets of competencies required by this section to obtain a standard diploma. Students who re-enroll in the school district to meet the graduation requirements of this section shall be exempt from the hourly instructional requirements of Section 1-111 of this title and the six-period enrollment requirements of this section.

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

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 SECTION 2.
 AMENDATORY
 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508, as

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 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.

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 2017, Section 1210.508), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.508. A. 1. By no later than December 31, 2016, the State Board of Education shall adopt a statewide system of student assessments in compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

2. The statewide student assessment system adopted by the Board
 21 pursuant to this subsection shall be aligned with the Oklahoma
 22 Academic Standards as adopted by the Board and which prepare
 23 students for college and careers.

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B. 1. The Board shall issue a request for proposals for the
 selection of assessments to be administered to students in grades
 three through twelve as a part of the statewide student assessment
 system adopted by the Board pursuant to this section.

5 2. The Board shall adopt assessments from the selected proposals that were submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 of this 6 7 subsection. The adopted assessments shall be administered by the Board for a period that is in coordination with the six-year subject 8 9 area textbook adoption cycle unless the vendor does not fulfill the 10 terms of the contract or fails to comply with or violates the terms 11 of the contract. The Board shall administer the assessments 12 beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

C. The statewide student assessment system adopted by the Board pursuant to this section shall include assessments that:

Are aligned with the Oklahoma subject matter standards as
 adopted by the Board;

Provide a measure of comparability among other states;
 3. Yield both norm-referenced scores and criterion-referenced
 scores;

20 4. Have a track record of statistical reliability and accuracy; 21 and

5. For assessments administered in high school, provide a
measure of future academic performance.

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D. For the 2016-2017 school year, the Board shall administer assessments in:

3 1. English Language Arts or Reading and Mathematics in grades
4 three through eight and at least once in high school, during the
5 grade span of nine through twelve;

6 2. Science not less than once during each grade span of three
7 through five, six through nine and ten through twelve; and
8 3. United States History not less than once during the grade
9 span of nine through twelve.

E. 1. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the statewide student assessment system shall include assessments in:

- a. English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades three
 through eight and at least once in high school, during
 the grade span of nine through twelve, <u>and</u>
- b. Science not less than once during each grade span of
 three through five, six through nine and ten through
 twelve, and
- 18 c. United States History not less than once during the
 19 grade span of nine through twelve.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the statewide
 student assessment system may include:

- a. assessments in Reading and Writing in certain gradesas determined by the Board, and
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b. contingent upon the availability of funds, an
additional nationally recognized college- and careerreadiness assessment or assessments as recommended by
the State Department of Education which will be
administered to students in high school at no cost to
the student.

7 F. Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in the 1. 2017-2018 school year, each student shall take the assessment or 8 9 assessments included in the statewide student assessment system 10 adopted by the Board pursuant to subsection A of this section in 11 order to graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma. All students shall take the assessment or assessments prior to 12 graduation, unless otherwise exempt by law. 13

2. Beginning with students entering the ninth grade in the 14 2017-2018 school year, each student, in addition to taking the 15 assessment or assessments included in the statewide student 16 assessment system adopted by the Board pursuant to subsection A of 17 this subsection, shall meet any other high school graduation 18 requirements adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 5 of this act 19 Enrolled House Bill No. 3218 of the 2nd Session of the 55th Oklahoma 20 Legislature in order to graduate from a public high school with a 21 standard diploma. 22

3. For students who start the ninth grade prior to or duringthe 2016-2017 school year, school districts shall adopt a plan that

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1 establishes the assessment or assessments those students are 2 required to take in order to graduate from a public high school with 3 a standard diploma. The plan may also include any or all of the other high school graduation requirements adopted by the Board 4 5 pursuant to Section 5 of this act Enrolled House Bill No. 3218 of the 2nd Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature that those students 6 will be required to meet in order to graduate from a public high 7 school with a standard diploma. 8

9 4. The Board shall promulgate rules to ensure that students who 10 transfer into an Oklahoma school district from out-of-state after 11 the junior year of high school shall not be denied the opportunity 12 to be awarded a standard diploma due to differing testing 13 requirements.

In order to provide an indication of the levels of 14 G. 15 competency attained by the student in a permanent record for potential future employers and institutions of higher education, 16 school districts shall report on the high school transcript of the 17 student the highest-achieved score on the assessment or assessments 18 included in the statewide student assessment system adopted by the 19 Board pursuant to subsection A of this subsection section and any 20 business- and industry-recognized endorsements attained. 21

H. Students who do not perform at a proficiency level on assessments shall be remediated as established in the assessment requirements adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 5 of this act Enrolled House Bill No. 3218 of the 2nd Session of the 55th Oklahoma
 Legislature, subject to the availability of funding.

3 I. 1. All assessments required by this section shall measure academic competencies in correlation with the subject matter 4 5 standards adopted by the Board pursuant to Sections 11-103.6 and 11-103.6a of this title and referred to as the Oklahoma Academic 6 The State Board of Education shall evaluate the subject 7 Standards. matter standards to ensure the competencies reflect high standards, 8 9 are specific, well-defined, measurable, challenging, and will 10 prepare elementary students for next-grade-level course work and 11 secondary students for postsecondary studies at institutions of higher education or technology center schools without the need for 12 remediation. All subject matter standards shall reflect the goals 13 as set forth in Section 11-103.6 of this title and of improving the 14 15 state average ACT score.

The State Department of Education shall annually evaluate 16 2. the results of the assessments. The State Board of Education shall 17 ensure that preliminary results for all statewide assessments are 18 reported to districts no later than June 1 of each year and are 19 presented in a manner that yields detailed, diagnostic information 20 for the purpose of guiding instruction and student remediation. 21 As improvements are made to the assessments required by this section, 22 the Board shall seek to increase the depth of knowledge assessed for 23 each subject. The State Board of Education shall seek to ensure 24

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1 that data yielded from the assessments required in this section are 2 utilized at the school district level to inform instruction, 3 professional development, school improvement and remediation for 4 students.

3. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability
shall determine the cut scores for the performance levels on all
statewide assessments. The Commission shall conduct an ongoing
review to compare the statewide assessment content and performance
descriptors with those of other states. Upon receipt of the review,
the Commission may adjust the cut scores as necessary.

4. 11 The State Board of Education, for the purposes of conducting 12 reliability and validity studies, monitoring contractor adherence to professionally accepted testing standards, and providing 13 recommendations for testing program improvement, shall retain the 14 services of an established, independent agency or organization that 15 is nationally recognized for its technical expertise in educational 16 testing but is not engaged in the development of aptitude or 17 achievement tests for elementary or secondary level grades. 18 These national assessment experts shall annually conduct studies of the 19 reliability and validity of the statewide assessments administered 20 pursuant to this section. Validity studies shall include studies of 21 decision validity and concurrent validity. 22

J. 1. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
setting the assessment window dates for each statewide assessment so

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1 that the assessments are administered according to recommended 2 testing protocols, and so that the assessment results are reported 3 back to school districts in a timely manner. The vendor shall provide a final electronic data file of all school site, school 4 5 district, and state results to the State Department of Education and the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability prior to August 6 7 1 of each year. The Department shall forward the final data files for each school district and each school site in that district to 8 9 the school district. The Board shall ensure the contract with the 10 vendor includes a provision that the vendor report assessment 11 results directly to the Office of Educational Quality and 12 Accountability at the same time it is reported to the Board.

2. State, district, and site level results of all assessments 13 required in this section shall be disaggregated by gender, race, 14 15 ethnicity, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged, except that such 16 disaggregation shall not be required in a case in which the number 17 of students in a category is insufficient to yield statistically 18 reliable information or the results would reveal personally 19 identifiable information about an individual student. Each school 20 site shall notify the student's parents of the school's performance 21 levels in the Oklahoma School Testing Program as reported in the 22 Oklahoma Educational Indicators Program at the end of each school 23 24 year.

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K. The State Board of Education shall be responsible for the
 field-testing and validation of the statewide assessment system
 required in subsection A of this section.

L. The State Board of Education shall develop, administer, and
incorporate as a part of the Oklahoma School Testing Program, other
assessment programs or procedures, including appropriate
accommodations for the assessment of students with disabilities as
required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA),
20 U.S.C., Section 1400 et seq.

M. For purposes of developing and administering alternate assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, the State Board of Education shall not be subject to subsections D and E of Section 11-103.6a of this title.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.
SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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