1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)
3	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
4	HOUSE BILL NO. 3278 By: Baker
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7	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
8	An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-103.6, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9	122, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 11- 103.6), which relates to subject matter standards;
10	modifying graduation curriculum requirements; providing additional course options to satisfy
11	graduation requirements; requiring pathway units to be established by the school district board of
12	education; removing requirement to strongly encourage students to complete certain courses; modifying
13	definitions; directing adoption of certain joint plan; updating internal citations; expanding the
14	grades in which certain math units are completed; striking outdated language related to students in
15	alternative education programs; deleting certain data collection and reporting requirement; providing an
16	effective date; and declaring an emergency.
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
20	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 11-103.6, as
21	amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023,
22	Section 11-103.6), is amended to read as follows:
23	Section 11-103.6 A. 1. The State Board of Education shall
24	adopt subject matter standards for instruction of students in the

public schools of this state that are necessary to ensure there is attainment of desired levels of competencies in a variety of areas to include language, mathematics, science, social studies, communication, and health and physical education.

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

9 3. All students shall gain literacy at the elementary and secondary levels. Students shall develop skills in reading, 10 11 writing, speaking, computing, and critical thinking. For purposes 12 of this section, critical thinking means a manner of analytical 13 thinking which is logical and uses linear factual analysis to reach 14 a conclusion. They shall learn about cultures and environments -15 their own and those of others with whom they share the earth. All 16 students shall receive the instruction needed to lead healthy and 17 physically active lifestyles. Students, therefore, shall study 18 social studies, literature, languages, the arts, health, 19 mathematics, and science. Such curricula shall provide for the 20 teaching of a hands-on career exploration program in cooperation 21 with technology center schools.

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

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students for active citizenship, employment, and/or successful completion of postsecondary education without the need for remedial coursework at the postsecondary level.

4 5. The subject matter standards shall be designed with rigor as 5 defined in paragraph $\frac{3}{6}$ of subsection $\frac{6}{F}$ of this section.

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

10 7. At a minimum, the subject matter standards for mathematics 11 shall require mastery of the standard algorithms in mathematics, 12 which is the most logical, efficient way of solving a problem that 13 consistently works, and for students to attain fluency in Euclidian 14 geometry.

15 8. The subject matter standards for history, social studies, and United States Government shall include the content of the United States naturalization test, with an emphasis on the specific content of the test and the ideas and concepts it references. The United States naturalization test shall be made available in physical and electronic online formats as an optional assessment tool for teachers.

9. The subject matter standards for United States Government
shall include an emphasis on civics. For the purposes of this
section, "civics" means the study of the rights and duties of

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Oklahoma and United States citizens and of how those governments
 work.

The subject matter standards for health and physical 3 10. education shall include but not be limited to the domains of 4 5 physical, emotional, social, and intellectual health. Health literacy shall include the ability to obtain, process, and 6 7 understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. Health shall also include the 8 9 importance of proper nutrition and exercise, mental health and 10 wellness, substance abuse, coping skills for understanding and 11 managing trauma, establishing and maintaining positive 12 relationships, and responsible decision making. Physical literacy 13 shall include the ability to move with competence and confidence in 14 a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that 15 benefit the healthy development of the whole person.

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 <u>enrolled</u>
<u>in grades eight through twelve in the 2024-2025 school year</u> shall
complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum
units or sets of competencies at the secondary level:

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

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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;

6 3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science 7 approved for college admission requirements including one unit or set of competencies of life science meeting the standards for 8 9 Biology I; one unit or set of competencies of physical science 10 meeting the standards for Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics; 11 and one unit or set of competencies from the domains of physical science, life science, or earth and space science such that the 12 13 content and rigor is above Biology I or Physical Science;

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

5. Two units or sets of competencies of the same world or non-English language or two units of computer technology approved for college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school or a technology center school including computer programming, hardware, and business computer applications, such as word processing,

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1 databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding keyboarding or 2 typing courses;

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

8 7. One unit or set of competencies of fine arts, such as music,9 art, or drama, or one unit or set of competencies of speech.

10 In lieu of the requirements of subsection B of this section С. 11 which requires a college preparatory/work ready curriculum, a 12 student enrolled in grades eight through twelve in the 2024-2025 13 school year may enroll in the core curriculum as provided in this 14 subsection D of this section upon written approval of the parent or 15 legal guardian of the student. For students under the age of 16 eighteen (18) school districts shall require a parent or legal 17 quardian of the student to meet with a designee of the school prior 18 to enrollment in the core curriculum. The State Department of 19 Education shall develop and distribute to school districts a form 20 suitable for this purpose, which shall include information on the 21 benefits to students of completing the college preparatory/work 22 ready curriculum as provided for in subsection B of this section. 23 D. For those students subject to the requirements of subsection 24 of this section, in In order to graduate from a public high school

1 accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma, 2 students enrolled in grades eight through twelve in the 2024-2025 school year shall complete the following core curriculum units or 3 sets of competencies at the secondary level: 4 5 1. Language Arts - 4 units or sets of competencies to consist of 1 unit or set of competencies of grammar and composition, and 3 6 7 units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the following courses: 8 9 a. American Literature, 10 b. English Literature, 11 World Literature, с. 12 d. Advanced English Courses, or 13 e. other English courses with content and/or rigor equal 14 to or above grammar and composition; 15 2. Mathematics - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist of 16 1 unit or set of competencies of Algebra I or Algebra I taught in a 17 contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies which 18 may include, but are not limited to, the following courses: 19 a. Algebra II, 20 b. Geometry or Geometry taught in a contextual 21 methodology, 22 с. Trigonometry, 23 Math Analysis or Precalculus, d. 24 Calculus, e.

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f. Statistics and/or Probability,

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

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. Scier	nce - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist of 1
11	unit or set o	of competencies of Biology I or Biology I taught in a
12	contextual me	ethodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies in the
13	areas of life	e, 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	с.	Biology II,
18	d.	Chemistry II,
19	e.	Physical Science,
20	f.	Earth Science,
21	đ.	Botany,
22	h.	Zoology,
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	i.	Physiology,

1	k.	Applied Biology/Chemistry,
2	1.	Applied Physics,
3	m.	Principles of Technology,
4	n.	qualified agricultural education courses,
5	٥.	(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
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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;

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

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a. World History,

8 b. Geography,

9 c. Economics,

10 d. Anthropology, or

e. other social studies courses with content and/or rigor
equal to or above United States History, United States
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.

D. Beginning with students entering the eighth grade in the
 24 2025-2026 school year, in order to graduate from a public high

1	school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard
2	diploma, students shall complete the following curriculum units or
3	sets of competencies at the secondary level:
4	1. Four units or sets of competencies of English to include
5	Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for
6	college admission requirements;
7	2. Four units or sets of competencies of mathematics, two of
8	which shall be Algebra I and either Algebra II or Geometry. The
9	other two units may include Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math
10	Analysis, Calculus, Statistics, 1/2 unit of personal financial
11	literacy, computer science, college courses approved for dual
12	credit, an approved full-time postsecondary career and technology
13	program, or locally approved math based application course, or any
14	mathematics course with content and/or rigor above Algebra I;
15	3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science
16	approved for college admission requirements including one unit or
17	set of competencies of life science meeting the standards for
18	Biology I; one unit or set of competencies of physical science
19	meeting the standards for Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics;
20	and one unit or set of competencies from the domains of physical
21	science, life science, or earth and space science, or approved full-
22	time postsecondary career and technology program or locally approved
23	science based application course such that the rigor is above
24	Biology I or Physical Science;

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1 4. Three units or sets of competencies of history and 2 citizenship skills including one unit of American History, 1/2 unit of Oklahoma History, 1/2 unit of United States Government, and one 3 4 unit from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, 5 Civics, or non-Western culture and approved for college admission 6 requirements; and 7 5. Nine pathway units or sets of competencies, including no more than three units of elective courses, selected at the 8 9 discretion of the school district board of education which may 10 include any additional units or sets of competencies as provided in 11 paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection, world or non-English 12 language, computer technology, Junior Reserve Officers' Training 13 Corps (JROTC), internship or apprenticeship programs, career and 14 technology education courses, concurrently enrolled courses, advanced placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses 15 16 approved for college admission requirements, music, art, drama, 17 speech, dance, media arts, or other approved courses. 18 The State Board of Education may develop rules to determine Ε. 19 if courses on aviation are eligible for non-elective academic credit 20 toward meeting the graduation requirements set forth in subsections 21 B and D of this section. 22 F. 1. In addition to the curriculum requirements of either 23 subsection B, C, or D of this section, in order to graduate from a 24 public high school accredited by the State Board of Education

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

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

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

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G. F. For purposes of this section:

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

20 2. "Locally approved" means approved by the local school board 21 of education;

22 <u>3. "Math based application course" means a course that teaches</u> 23 math content within a real-word application;

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1 <u>4. "Pathway unit" means a course taken by a high school student</u> 2 <u>that is aligned with the student's current Individualized Career and</u> 3 Academic Plan (ICAP);

5. "Qualified agricultural education courses" means courses 4 5 that have been determined by the State Board of Education to offer the sets of competencies for one or more science content areas and 6 7 which correspond to academic science courses. Qualified agricultural education courses shall include, but are not limited 8 9 to, horticulture, plant and soil science, natural resources and environmental science, and animal science. The courses shall be 10 taught by teachers certified in agricultural education and comply 11 12 with all rules of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology 13 Education;

14 <u>3. 6.</u> "Rigor" means a level of difficulty that is thorough, 15 exhaustive and accurate and is appropriate for the grade level;

16 <u>7. "Science based application course" means a course that</u> 17 <u>teaches science content within a real-world application;</u>

18 4. 8. "Sets of competencies" means instruction in those skills 19 and competencies that are specified in the subject matter standards 20 adopted by the State Board of Education and other skills and 21 competencies adopted by the Board, without regard to specified 22 instructional time; and

23 <u>5. 9.</u> "Unit" means a Carnegie Unit as defined by the North
 24 Central Association's Commission on Schools.

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1 H. G. 1. The State Board of Education, State Board of Career 2 and Technology Education, and State Regents for Higher Education shall adopt a joint plan and submit it to the Speaker of the 3 4 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of 5 the Oklahoma State Senate to ensure that rigor is maintained in the content, teaching methodology, level of expectations for student 6 7 achievement, and application of learning in all the courses taught to meet the graduation requirements as specified in subsection D of 8 9 this section.

The State Board of Education shall allow as much flexibility 10 2. 11 at the district level as is possible without diminishing the rigor 12 or undermining the intent of providing these courses. To accomplish 13 this purpose, the State Department of Education shall work with 14 school districts in reviewing and approving courses taught by 15 districts that are not specifically listed in subsections B, C, and 16 D of this section. Options may include, but shall not be limited 17 to, courses taken by concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or 18 correspondence, or courses bearing different titles.

19 3. The State Board of Education shall approve an advanced 20 placement computer science course to meet the requirements of course 21 competencies listed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section 22 if the course is taken in a student's senior year and the student is 23 concurrently enrolled in or has successfully completed Algebra II.

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1 4. Technology center school districts may offer programs 2 designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education which have an emphasis on a focused field of career study upon approval of 3 4 the State Board of Education and the independent district board of 5 education. Students in the tenth grade may be allowed to attend these programs for up to one-half (1/2) of a school day and credit 6 7 for the units or sets of competencies required in paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of subsection B or C and paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection D of 8 9 this section shall be given if the courses are taught by a teacher 10 certified in the secondary subject area; provided, credit for units 11 or sets of competencies pursuant to subsection B of this section 12 shall be approved for college admission requirements.

13 5. 4. If a student enrolls in a concurrent course, the school 14 district shall not be responsible for any costs incurred for that 15 course, unless the school district does not offer enough course 16 selection during the student's secondary grade years to allow the 17 student to receive the courses needed to meet the graduation 18 requirements of this section. If the school district does not offer 19 the necessary course selection during the student's secondary grade 20 years, it shall be responsible for the cost of resident tuition at 21 an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, 22 fees, and books for the concurrent enrollment course, and providing 23 for transportation to and from the institution to the school site.

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1 It is the intent of the Legislature that for students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course which is paid for by the school 2 district pursuant to this paragraph, the institution charge only the 3 4 supplementary and special service fees that are directly related to 5 the concurrent enrollment course and enrollment procedures for that student. It is further the intent of the Legislature that fees for 6 7 student activities and student service facilities including the student health care and cultural and recreational service fees not 8 9 be charged to such students.

10 6. 5. Credit for the units or sets of competencies required in 11 subsection B, C, or D of this section shall be given when such units 12 or sets of competencies are taken prior to ninth grade if the 13 teachers are certified or authorized to teach the subjects for high 14 school credit and the required rigor is maintained.

15 7. 6. The three units or sets of competencies in mathematics required in subsection B, C, or D of this section shall may be 16 17 completed in at any time during the ninth eighth through twelfth 18 grades. If a student completes any required courses or sets of 19 competencies in mathematics prior to ninth eighth grade, the student 20 may take any other mathematics courses or sets of competencies to 21 fulfill the requirement to complete three the units or sets of 22 competencies in grades nine eight through twelve after the student 23 has satisfied the requirements of subsection B, C, or D of this 24 section.

1 8. 7. All units or sets of competencies required for graduation 2 may be taken in any sequence recommended by the school district. I. H. As a condition of receiving accreditation from the State 3 4 Board of Education, all students in grades nine through twelve shall 5 enroll in a minimum of six periods, or the equivalent in block scheduling or other scheduling structure that allows for instruction 6 7 in sets of competencies, of rigorous academic and/or rigorous vocational courses each day, which may include arts, vocal and 8 9 instrumental music, speech classes, and physical education classes. 10 J. I. Academic and vocational-technical courses designed to 11 offer sets of competencies integrated or embedded within the course 12 that provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills 13 and knowledge in the subject matter standards, as adopted by the 14 State Board of Education, may upon approval of the Board, in 15 consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology 16 Education if the courses are offered at a technology center school 17 district, be counted for academic credit and toward meeting the 18 graduation requirements of this section.

19 2. Internet-based courses offered by a technology center school 20 that are taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching 21 and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject 22 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education 23 and the independent district board of education, be counted for

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

3. Internet-based courses or vocational-technical courses 3 4 utilizing integrated or embedded skills for which no subject matter 5 standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education may be approved by the Board, in consultation with the Oklahoma Department 6 7 of Career and Technology Education if the courses are offered at a technology center school district, if such courses incorporate 8 9 standards of nationally recognized professional organizations and 10 are taught by certified teachers.

11 4. Courses offered by a supplemental education organization 12 that is accredited by a national accrediting body and that are 13 taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching and 14 learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject 15 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education 16 and the school district board of education, be counted for academic 17 credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this 18 section.

19 K. J. The State Board of Education shall provide an option for 20 high school graduation based upon attainment of the desired levels 21 of competencies as required in tests pursuant to the provisions of 22 Section 1210.508 of this title. Such option shall be in lieu of the 23 amount of course credits earned.

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

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

10 N. Students who enter the ninth grade in or prior to the 2007-11 08 school year who are enrolled in an alternative education program 12 and meet the requirements of their plans leading to high school 13 graduation developed pursuant to Section 1210.568 of this title 14 shall be awarded a standard diploma.

15 O. M. Any student who completes the curriculum requirements of 16 the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program shall be awarded a 17 standard diploma.

18 P. N. Any student who successfully completes an advanced 19 mathematics or science course offered pursuant to Section 1210.404 20 of this title shall be granted academic credit toward meeting the 21 graduation requirements pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3, as 22 appropriate, of subsection B<u>, C</u>, or D of this section.

23 Q. O. For purposes of this section, the courses approved for 24 college admission requirements shall be courses which are approved

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by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for admission to
 an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

R. P. Students who have been denied a standard diploma by the 3 school district in which the student is or was enrolled for failing 4 5 to meet the requirements of this section may re-enroll in the school district that denied the student a standard diploma following the 6 7 denial of a standard diploma. The student shall be provided remediation or intervention and the opportunity to complete the 8 9 curriculum units or sets of competencies required by this section to 10 obtain a standard diploma. Students who re-enroll in the school 11 district to meet the graduation requirements of this section shall 12 be exempt from the hourly instructional requirements of Section 1-13 111 of this title and the six-period enrollment requirements of this 14 section.

S. 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.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024. SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby 22 23 24

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1	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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