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19	striking outdated language related to students in alternative education programs; deleting certain data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

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 amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023,

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 Section 11-103.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6 A. 1. The State Board of Education shall
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.

14 3. All students shall gain literacy at the elementary and 15 secondary levels. Students shall develop skills in reading, 16 writing, speaking, computing, and critical thinking. For purposes 17 of this section, critical thinking means a manner of analytical 18 thinking which is logical and uses linear factual analysis to reach 19 a conclusion. They shall learn about cultures and environments -20 their own and those of others with whom they share the earth. All 21 students shall receive the instruction needed to lead healthy and 22 physically active lifestyles. Students, therefore, shall study 23 social studies, literature, languages, the arts, health, mathematics, and science. Such curricula shall provide for the 24

1 teaching of a hands-on career exploration program in cooperation 2 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
students for active citizenship, employment, and/or successful
completion of postsecondary education without the need for remedial
coursework at the postsecondary level.

9 5. The subject matter standards shall be designed with rigor as
10 defined in paragraph 3 6 of subsection 6 F of this section.

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.

15 7. At a minimum, the subject matter standards for mathematics 16 shall require mastery of the standard algorithms in mathematics, 17 which is the most logical, efficient way of solving a problem that 18 consistently works, and for students to attain fluency in Euclidian 19 geometry.

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

10. The subject matter standards for health and physical 8 9 education shall include but not be limited to the domains of 10 physical, emotional, social, and intellectual health. Health 11 literacy shall include the ability to obtain, process, and 12 understand basic health information and services needed to make 13 appropriate health decisions. Health shall also include the 14 importance of proper nutrition and exercise, mental health and 15 wellness, substance abuse, coping skills for understanding and 16 managing trauma, establishing and maintaining positive 17 relationships, and responsible decision making. Physical literacy 18 shall include the ability to move with competence and confidence in 19 a wide variety of physical activities in multiple environments that 20 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>
in grades eight through twelve in the 2024-2025 school year shall

1 complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum
2 units or sets of competencies at the secondary level:

3 1. Four units or sets of competencies of English to include
4 Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for
5 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;

11 3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science 12 approved for college admission requirements including one unit or 13 set of competencies of life science meeting the standards for 14 Biology I; one unit or set of competencies of physical science 15 meeting the standards for Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics; 16 and one unit or set of competencies from the domains of physical 17 science, life science, or earth and space science such that the 18 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;

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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, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding keyboarding or 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

13 7. One unit or set of competencies of fine arts, such as music,14 art, or drama, or one unit or set of competencies of speech.

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

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suitable for this purpose, which shall include information on the
 benefits to students of completing the college preparatory/work
 ready curriculum as provided for in subsection B of this section.

D. For those students subject to the requirements of subsection
C of this section, in <u>In</u> order to graduate from a public high school
accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma,
students <u>enrolled in grades eight through twelve in the 2024-2025</u>
<u>school year</u> shall complete the following core curriculum units or
sets of competencies at the secondary level:

10 1. Language Arts - 4 units or sets of competencies to consist 11 of 1 unit or set of competencies of grammar and composition, and 3 12 units or sets of competencies which may include, but are not limited 13 to, the following courses:

- 14 a. American Literature,
- 15 b. English Literature,
- 16 c. World Literature,
- 17 d. Advanced English Courses, or

e. other English courses with content and/or rigor equal
to or above grammar and composition;

20 2. Mathematics - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist of 21 1 unit or set of competencies of Algebra I or Algebra I taught in a 22 contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies which 23 may include, but are not limited to, the following courses:

a. Algebra II,

1	b.	Geometry or Geometry taught in a contextual
2		methodology,
3	с.	Trigonometry,
4	d.	Math Analysis or Precalculus,
5	е.	Calculus,
6	f.	Statistics and/or Probability,
7	g.	Computer Science or acceptance and successful
8		completion of one (1) year of a full-time, three-hour
9		career and technology program leading to an industry
10		credential/certificate or college credit. The State
11		Board of Career and Technology Education shall
12		promulgate rules to define the provisions of this
13		section related to the accepted industry-valued
14		credentials which are industry-endorsed or industry-
15		aligned. The list of accepted industry-valued
16		credentials shall be reviewed annually and updated at
17		least every three (3) years by the Board,
18	h.	(1) contextual mathematics courses which enhance
19		technology preparation, or
20		(2) a science, technology, engineering, and math
21		(STEM) block course meeting the requirements for
22		course competencies listed in paragraph 2 of
23		subsection B of this section, whether taught at
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1	(a) comprehensive high school, or
2	(b) technology center school when taken in the
3	tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade, taught by
4	a certified teacher, and approved by the
5	State Board of Education and the independent
6	district board of education,
7	i. mathematics courses taught at a technology center
8	school by a teacher certified in the secondary subject
9	area when taken in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth
10	grade upon approval of the State Board of Education
11	and the independent district board of education, or
12	j. any other mathematics course with content and/or rigor
13	equal to or above Algebra I;
14	3. Science - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist of 1
15	unit or set of competencies of Biology I or Biology I taught in a
16	contextual methodology, and 2 units or sets of competencies in the
17	areas of life, physical, or earth science or technology which may
18	include, but are not limited to, the following courses:
19	a. Chemistry I,
20	b. Physics,
21	c. Biology II,
22	d. Chemistry II,
23	e. Physical Science,
24	f. Earth Science,
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1	g.	Botany,
2	h.	Zoology,
3	i.	Physiology,
4	j.	Astronomy,
5	k.	Applied Biology/Chemistry,
6	1.	Applied Physics,
7	m .	Principles of Technology,
8	n.	qualified agricultural education courses,
9	ο.	(1) contextual science courses which enhance
10		technology preparation, or
11		(2) a science, technology, engineering, and math
12		(STEM) block course meeting the requirements for
13		course competencies listed in paragraph 3 of
14		subsection B of this section, whether taught at
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16		(a) comprehensive high school, or
17		(b) technology center school when taken in the
18		tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade, taught by
19		a certified teacher, and approved by the
20		State Board of Education and the independent
21		district board of education,
22	p.	science courses taught at a technology center school
23		by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area
24		when taken in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade

1	upon approval of the State Board of Education and the
2	independent district board of education, or
3	q. other science courses with content and/or rigor equal
4	to or above Biology I;
5	4. Social Studies - 3 units or sets of competencies to consist
6	of 1 unit or set of competencies of United States History, $1/2$ to 1
7	unit or set of competencies of United States Government, $1/2$ unit or
8	set of competencies of Oklahoma History, and $1/2$ to 1 unit or set of
9	competencies which may include, but are not limited to, the
10	following courses:
11	a. World History,
12	b. Geography,
13	c. Economics,
14	d. Anthropology, or
15	e. other social studies courses with content and/or rigor
16	equal to or above United States History, United States
17	Government, and Oklahoma History;
18	5. Arts - 1 unit or set of competencies which may include, but
19	is not limited to, courses in Visual Arts and General Music; and
20	6. Computer Education or World Language - 1 unit or set of
21	competencies of computer technology, whether taught at a high school
22	or a technology center school including computer programming,
23	hardware, and business computer applications, such as word
24	processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding

1 keyboarding or typing courses, or 1 unit or set of competencies of 2 world or non-English language.

3	D. Beginning with students entering the eighth grade in the
4	2025-2026 school year, in order to graduate from a public high
5	school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard
6	diploma, students shall complete the following curriculum units or
7	sets of competencies at the secondary level:
8	1. Four units or sets of competencies of English to include
9	Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for
10	college admission requirements;
11	2. Four units or sets of competencies of mathematics, two of
12	which shall be Algebra I and either Algebra II or Geometry. The
13	other two units may include Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math
14	Analysis, Calculus, Statistics, 1/2 unit of personal financial
15	literacy, computer science, college courses approved for dual
16	credit, an approved full-time postsecondary career and technology
17	program, or locally approved math based application course, or any
18	mathematics course with content and/or rigor above Algebra I;
19	3. Three units or sets of competencies of laboratory science
20	approved for college admission requirements including one unit or
21	set of competencies of life science meeting the standards for
22	Biology I; one unit or set of competencies of physical science
23	meeting the standards for Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics;
24	and one unit or set of competencies from the domains of physical

1	science, life science, or earth and space science, or approved full-
2	time postsecondary career and technology program or locally approved
3	science based application course such that the rigor is above
4	Biology I or Physical Science;
5	4. Three units or sets of competencies of history and
6	citizenship skills including one unit of American History, 1/2 unit
7	of Oklahoma History, 1/2 unit of United States Government, and one
8	unit from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics,
9	Civics, or non-Western culture and approved for college admission
10	requirements; and
11	5. Nine pathway units or sets of competencies, including no
12	more than three units of elective courses, selected at the
13	discretion of the school district board of education which may
14	include any additional units or sets of competencies as provided in
15	paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection, world or non-English
16	language, computer technology, Junior Reserve Officers' Training
17	Corps (JROTC), internship or apprenticeship programs, career and
18	technology education courses, concurrently enrolled courses,
19	advanced placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses
20	approved for college admission requirements, music, art, drama,
21	speech, dance, media arts, or other approved courses.
22	E. The State Board of Education may develop rules to determine
23	if courses on aviation are eligible for non-elective academic credit
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HB3278 HFLR BOLD FACE denotes Committee Amendments. 1 toward meeting the graduation requirements set forth in subsections
2 B and D of this section.

F. 1. In addition to the curriculum requirements of either 3 4 subsection B, C, or D of this section, in order to graduate from a 5 public high school accredited by the State Board of Education students shall complete the requirements for a personal financial 6 7 literacy passport as set forth in the Passport to Financial Literacy Act and any additional course requirements or recommended elective 8 9 courses as may be established by the State Board of Education and 10 the district school board. School districts shall strongly 11 encourage students to complete two units or sets of competencies of 12 world languages and two units or sets of competencies of physical 13 and health education.

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 every
course listed in subsections B, C, and D of this section but shall
offer sufficient courses to allow a student to meet the graduation
requirements during the secondary grade years of the student.

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G. 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; 1 2. "Locally approved" means approved by the local school board 2 of education;

3 <u>3. "Math based application course" means a course that teaches</u> 4 math content within a real-word application;

5 <u>4. "Pathway unit" means a course taken by a high school student</u> 6 <u>that is aligned with the student's current Individualized Career and</u> 7 Academic Plan (ICAP);

5. "Qualified agricultural education courses" means courses 8 9 that have been determined by the State Board of Education to offer 10 the sets of competencies for one or more science content areas and 11 which correspond to academic science courses. Qualified 12 agricultural education courses shall include, but are not limited 13 to, horticulture, plant and soil science, natural resources and 14 environmental science, and animal science. The courses shall be 15 taught by teachers certified in agricultural education and comply 16 with all rules of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology 17 Education;

18 3. 6. "Rigor" means a level of difficulty that is thorough,
19 exhaustive and accurate and is appropriate for the grade level;

20 <u>7. "Science based application course" means a course that</u> 21 teaches science content within a real-world application;

4. 8. "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

1 competencies adopted by the Board, without regard to specified
2 instructional time; and

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

5 H. G. 1. The State Board of Education, State Board of Career and Technology Education, and State Regents for Higher Education 6 7 shall adopt a joint plan and submit it to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of 8 9 the Oklahoma State Senate to ensure that rigor is maintained in the 10 content, teaching methodology, level of expectations for student 11 achievement, and application of learning in all the courses taught 12 to meet the graduation requirements as specified in subsection D of 13 this section.

14 The State Board of Education shall allow as much flexibility 2. 15 at the district level as is possible without diminishing the rigor 16 or undermining the intent of providing these courses. To accomplish 17 this purpose, the State Department of Education shall work with 18 school districts in reviewing and approving courses taught by 19 districts that are not specifically listed in subsections B, C, and 20 D of this section. Options may include, but shall not be limited 21 to, courses taken by concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or 22 correspondence, or courses bearing different titles.

23 3. The State Board of Education shall approve an advanced
 24 placement computer science course to meet the requirements of course

1 competencies listed in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section
2 if the course is taken in a student's senior year and the student is
3 concurrently enrolled in or has successfully completed Algebra II.

4 4. Technology center school districts may offer programs 5 designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education which 6 have an emphasis on a focused field of career study upon approval of 7 the State Board of Education and the independent district board of 8 education. Students in the tenth grade may be allowed to attend 9 these programs for up to one-half (1/2) of a school day and credit 10 for the units or sets of competencies required in paragraphs 2, 3, 11 and 6 of subsection B or C and paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection D of 12 this section shall be given if the courses are taught by a teacher 13 certified in the secondary subject area; provided, credit for units 14 or sets of competencies pursuant to subsection B of this section 15 shall be approved for college admission requirements.

16 5.4. If a student enrolls in a concurrent course, the school 17 district shall not be responsible for any costs incurred for that 18 course, unless the school district does not offer enough course 19 selection during the student's secondary grade years to allow the 20 student to receive the courses needed to meet the graduation 21 requirements of this section. If the school district does not offer 22 the necessary course selection during the student's secondary grade 23 years, it shall be responsible for the cost of resident tuition at 24 an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,

fees, and books for the concurrent enrollment course, and providing
 for transportation to and from the institution to the school site.

It is the intent of the Legislature that for students enrolled 3 4 in a concurrent enrollment course which is paid for by the school 5 district pursuant to this paragraph, the institution charge only the supplementary and special service fees that are directly related to 6 7 the concurrent enrollment course and enrollment procedures for that student. It is further the intent of the Legislature that fees for 8 student activities and student service facilities including the 9 10 student health care and cultural and recreational service fees not 11 be charged to such students.

12 6. 5. Credit for the units or sets of competencies required in 13 subsection B, C, or D of this section shall be given when such units 14 or sets of competencies are taken prior to ninth grade if the 15 teachers are certified or authorized to teach the subjects for high 16 school credit and the required rigor is maintained.

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

1 has satisfied the requirements of subsection B, C, or D of this 2 section.

8. 7. All units or sets of competencies required for graduation 3 4 may be taken in any sequence recommended by the school district. 5 I. H. As a condition of receiving accreditation from the State Board of Education, all students in grades nine through twelve shall 6 7 enroll in a minimum of six periods, or the equivalent in block scheduling or other scheduling structure that allows for instruction 8 9 in sets of competencies, of rigorous academic and/or rigorous 10 vocational courses each day, which may include arts, vocal and 11 instrumental music, speech classes, and physical education classes. 12 J. I. 1. Academic and vocational-technical courses designed to 13 offer sets of competencies integrated or embedded within the course 14 that provide for the teaching and learning of the appropriate skills 15 and knowledge in the subject matter standards, as adopted by the 16 State Board of Education, may upon approval of the Board, in 17 consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology 18 Education if the courses are offered at a technology center school 19 district, be counted for academic credit and toward meeting the 20 graduation requirements of this section.

21 2. Internet-based courses offered by a technology center school 22 that are taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching 23 and learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject 24 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education 1 and the independent district board of education, be counted for 2 academic credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of 3 this section.

4 3. Internet-based courses or vocational-technical courses 5 utilizing integrated or embedded skills for which no subject matter standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education may be 6 7 approved by the Board, in consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education if the courses are offered at a 8 9 technology center school district, if such courses incorporate 10 standards of nationally recognized professional organizations and 11 are taught by certified teachers.

12 4. Courses offered by a supplemental education organization 13 that is accredited by a national accrediting body and that are 14 taught by a certified teacher and provide for the teaching and 15 learning of the appropriate skills and knowledge in the subject 16 matter standards may, upon approval of the State Board of Education 17 and the school district board of education, be counted for academic 18 credit and toward meeting the graduation requirements of this 19 section.

20 K. J. The State Board of Education shall provide an option for 21 high school graduation based upon attainment of the desired levels 22 of competencies as required in tests pursuant to the provisions of 23 Section 1210.508 of this title. Such option shall be in lieu of the 24 amount of course credits earned. 1 L. K. The State Board of Education shall prescribe, adopt and 2 approve a promotion system based on the attainment by students of 3 specified levels of competencies in each area of the core 4 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 by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for admission to
 an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

3 R. P. Students who have been denied a standard diploma by the 4 school district in which the student is or was enrolled for failing 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
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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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4	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/28/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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