

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2016

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 929

By: Sharp of the Senate

and

Wood of the House

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9 [schools - 2016 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High
10 School Diploma Recognition Act - codification -
~~effective date -~~

emergency]

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6k of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2016
18 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High School Diploma Recognition Act".

19 B. Beginning with the 2020-2021 high school graduating class,
20 students who have met the curricular requirements set forth in
21 Section 11-103.6d of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who have
22 demonstrated mastery of the state academic content standards
23 pursuant to Section 1210.523 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
24 and who have participated in an approved program of study leading to

1 a recognized career and/or postsecondary education pathway shall be
2 eligible for the following graduation recognitions on their standard
3 diploma:

4 1. "Recognition of highest academic distinction" for students
5 who achieve a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.75 or
6 higher on a 4.0 scale for all coursework performed in their career
7 pathway of choice, along with meeting state-recognized college
8 entrance requirements at the time of graduation;

9 2. "Recognition of academic honors" for students who achieve a
10 cumulative high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0
11 scale for all coursework performed in their career pathway of
12 choice, along with meeting state-recognized college entrance
13 requirements at the time of graduation; and

14 3. "Recognition of academic merit" for students who achieve a
15 cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0
16 scale for all coursework performed in their career pathway of
17 choice, along with meeting state-recognized college entrance
18 requirements at the time of graduation.

19 C. A graduation recognition awarded pursuant to this section
20 shall be indicated upon the diploma of those students who qualify
21 for such status.

22 D. For the purposes of this section "approved programs of
23 study" shall mean those programs of study identified by the local
24 school district that shall include an identified sequence of courses

1 leading to career entry and/or postsecondary education. Approved
2 course sequences shall include at least six (6) credits within a
3 career pathway and shall include advanced placement courses, career
4 and technical courses, concurrent enrollment college courses or a
5 combination of such courses that best prepare students for work or
6 further study in a career pathway of their choice.

7 E. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career
8 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules necessary to
9 implement the provisions of this section.

10 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.~~

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

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
16 February 22, 2016 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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