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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 22, 2024

Re: HB 3278

Signed: May 15, 2024

Effective: May 15, 2024

Topic: Graduation Curriculum Requirements

Summary: This bill revises existing law (70 O.S. § 11-103.6) to specify that in order to graduate with a standard diploma *students enrolled in grades 8-12 in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year* must complete the college preparatory/work ready curriculum and core curriculum as detailed in the statute. The revised law also now states that students entering the 8th grade in the 2025-2026 school year will be required to complete a minimum of 23 curriculum units or sets of competencies at the secondary level. The units/sets of competencies are detailed in the signed bill which accompanies this alert.

Removed from the statute is a provision regarding OSBE rules regarding aviation courses and non-elective academic credit towards meeting graduation requirements. Added by the bill is the following language regarding math and science courses:

A school district shall determine the specific description of the locally approved math and science based application courses allowed pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection D of this section. Formal notification with the specific course description shall be provided to the State Department of Education prior to July 1 of each school year. The notification shall include what courses will be coded as locally approved math and science based application courses for the ensuing school year.

The statute now provides that technology centers may offer programs designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education. Removed was language that the programs had to have an emphasis on a focused field of career study.



The revised law also provides that the OSBE, joined by the Career Tech Department and the State Regents for Higher Education, will adopt and submit to the legislature a *joint* plan on ensuring 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 graduation requirements.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.