

1 ~~this act~~ Section 3-104.3 et seq. of this title, to be effective as
2 set forth in ~~this act~~ Section 3-104.3 et seq. of this title. The
3 accreditation standards shall incorporate the curricular standards
4 established pursuant to Section 11-103.6 of this title. The
5 accreditation standards shall equal or exceed the accreditation
6 standards for schools promulgated by the North Central Association
7 of Colleges and Schools to the extent that the standards are
8 consistent with an academic results oriented approach to
9 accreditation, excluding those standards which deal with affective
10 behavior to the extent the adoption of the standards does not
11 conflict with state statute. The accreditation adopted by the State
12 Board shall encompass accreditation for elementary schools, middle
13 schools, junior high schools, and high schools. The accreditation
14 standards shall be made available for public inspection at the
15 offices of the State Department of Education.

16 B. Standards for accreditation adopted by the State Board of
17 Education shall include standards relating to the provision of
18 school counselors to the public school children of this state. The
19 State Board of Education shall require each local school district to
20 provide information regarding the number of counselors serving each
21 school site, the duties of all such counselors including all
22 administrative duties, the number of students served by each
23 counselor, and information regarding the number of counselors

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1 employed per elementary school, middle school, junior high school
2 and high school.

3 C. ~~Except as otherwise provided by subsection A of this section~~
4 ~~with regard to curricular standards, as a condition of receiving~~
5 ~~state accreditation pursuant to this act:~~

6 ~~1. High schools shall meet the accreditation standards not~~
7 ~~later than June 30, 1995; and~~

8 ~~2. Elementary, middle and junior high schools shall meet the~~
9 ~~accreditation standards not later than June 30, 1999.~~

10 Schools, schools shall thereafter continue to meet the
11 accreditation standards as a condition of continued accreditation.
12 Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing changes to the
13 adopted standards by the State Board of Education pursuant to the
14 Administrative Procedures Act. The accreditation standards shall
15 provide for warnings, probation or nonaccredited status for schools
16 that fail to meet the standards. The Department shall investigate a
17 complaint of failure to provide educational services or failure to
18 comply with accreditation standards within thirty (30) days of
19 receiving the complaint. If the Department determines that a school
20 has failed to comply with the accreditation standards the Department
21 shall report the recommended warning, probation or nonaccredited
22 accreditation status to the State Board of Education within ninety
23 (90) days. If a school does not take action to comply with the
24 accreditation standards within ninety (90) days after a report is

1 filed by the Department, the Board shall withdraw accreditation for
2 the school. The State Board accreditation regulations shall provide
3 for warnings and for assistance to schools and school districts
4 whenever there is reason to believe a school is in danger of losing
5 its state accreditation.

6 D. If one or more school sites fails to receive accreditation
7 as required pursuant to this section ~~by the dates set forth in~~
8 ~~subsection C of this section~~ or subsequently loses accreditation,
9 the State Board of Education shall close the school and reassign the
10 students to accredited schools within the district or shall annex
11 the district to one or more other districts in which the students
12 can be educated in accredited schools.

13 E. Standards for accreditation adopted by the State Board of
14 Education shall include standards relating to the provision of
15 educational services provided in partial hospitalization programs,
16 day treatment programs, day hospital programs, residential treatment
17 programs and emergency shelter programs for persons between the ages
18 of three (3) and twenty-one (21) years of age. The accreditation
19 standards shall apply to onsite and offsite educational services
20 provided by public school districts or state-accredited private
21 schools. ~~The accreditation standards shall provide for warnings,~~
22 ~~probation or nonaccredited status for schools that fail to meet the~~
23 ~~standards.~~ Each school which is providing or is required to provide
24 educational services for students placed in a program as described

1 in this subsection shall be actively monitored by the State
2 Department of Education. The Department shall determine on an
3 ongoing basis if the educational program and services are in
4 compliance with the accreditation standards. ~~The Department shall~~
5 ~~investigate a complaint of failure to provide educational services~~
6 ~~within ten (10) days of receiving the complaint. If the Department~~
7 ~~determines that a school has failed to comply with the accreditation~~
8 ~~standards the Department shall report the recommended warning,~~
9 ~~probation or nonaccredited accreditation status to the State Board~~
10 ~~of Education within sixty (60) days. If a school does not take~~
11 ~~action to comply with the accreditation standards within ninety (90)~~
12 ~~days after a report is filed by the Department, the Board shall~~
13 ~~withdraw accreditation for the school.~~

14 ~~F. State Board accreditation regulations shall provide for~~
15 ~~warnings and for assistance to schools and school districts whenever~~
16 ~~there is reason to believe a school is in danger of losing its state~~
17 ~~accreditation.~~

18 ~~G. F. The State Board shall provide assistance to districts in~~
19 ~~considering the possibility of meeting accreditation requirements~~
20 ~~through the use of nontraditional means of instruction. The State~~
21 ~~Board shall also assist districts in forming cooperatives and making~~
22 ~~arrangements for the use of satellite instruction or other~~
23 ~~instructional technologies to the extent that use of such~~
24 ~~instructional means meets accreditation standards.~~

1 ~~H.~~ G. 1. Accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied
2 nor shall a penalty be assessed against a school or school district
3 for failing to meet the media materials and equipment standards and
4 media program expenditure standards as set forth in the
5 accreditation standards adopted by the Board.

6 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease
7 to be effective during a fiscal year immediately following a fiscal
8 year that the state financial support of public schools provides an
9 amount equal to or more than Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one
10 Dollars and sixty cents (\$3,291.60) per weighted average daily
11 membership as calculated pursuant to Section 18-200.1 of this title
12 and reported to school districts by the State Department of
13 Education on the initial tentative State Aid allocation notice.

14 3. If the amount set and calculated as provided for in
15 paragraph 2 of this subsection is reduced by one percent (1%) or
16 more as reported to school districts by the Department on the
17 initial tentative State Aid allocation notice for the following
18 fiscal year, the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall
19 cease to be effective and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this
20 subsection shall continue to be effective.

21 ~~F.~~ H. 1. The State Board shall not assess a financial penalty
22 against any school district which is given a deficiency in
23 accreditation status during any fiscal year as provided for in this
24 subsection.

1 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall cease
2 to be effective during a fiscal year immediately following a fiscal
3 year that the state financial support of public schools provides an
4 amount equal to or more than Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-one
5 Dollars and sixty cents (\$3,291.60) per weighted average daily
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10 paragraph 2 of this subsection is reduced by one percent (1%) or
11 more as reported to school districts by the Department on the
12 initial tentative State Aid allocation notice for the following
13 fiscal year, the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection shall
14 cease to be effective and the provisions of paragraph 1 of this
15 subsection shall continue to be effective.

16 ~~J. I.~~ I. Accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied, nor
17 shall a penalty be assessed against, a school district for complying
18 with this section.

19 J. Except as provided for in subsection K of this section,
20 beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, evaluations of schools to
21 determine whether they meet the accreditation standards set forth in
22 accordance with this section shall occur on a schedule adopted by
23 the State Board of Education. The schedule adopted by the Board
24 shall allow for school districts receiving no deficiencies for two

1 (2) consecutive years to be reviewed for accreditation less than
2 annually. Provided, however, that schools shall be evaluated
3 annually for the purposes of:

4 1. Local, state and federal funding;

5 2. Health and safety;

6 3. Certification requirements for teachers, principals and
7 superintendents;

8 4. School board governance, including instructional and
9 continuing education requirements for school board members; and

10 5. Any other requirements under state or federal law.

11 K. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, if a public school
12 receives a deficiency on its accreditation report, the public school
13 shall be evaluated annually to determine if it meets the
14 accreditation standards set forth in accordance with this section.

15 If the public school receives no deficiencies for two (2)
16 consecutive years, the public school shall be subject to the
17 evaluation timeline established in subsection J of this section.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3-154, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 3-154. Each plan listed in ~~Section 1 of this act~~
21 Section 3-153 of this title and which is not required to be
22 submitted to the State Department of Education shall be reviewed by
23 a regional accreditation officer at the time of the ~~annual~~ visit to
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1 the school district by an officer in accordance with the evaluation
2 schedule set forth in Section 3-104.4 of this title.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/09/2019
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