

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 137

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State
8 Department of Education to implement a four-year
9 pilot program beginning in certain school year to
10 provide courses and assessments on certain subjects
11 to certain students; directing the Department to
12 contract with certain provider; requiring certain
13 courses to be made available; requiring
14 administration of certain assessment; requiring
15 submission of assessment scores; requiring the
16 Department to post certain scores on its website in
17 certain manner; allowing the State Board of Education
18 to develop certain rules; requiring pilot program end
19 by certain date; requiring submission of report by
20 certain date; providing for contents of report;
21 providing for promulgation of rules; providing for
22 codification; providing an effective date; and
23 declaring an emergency.

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

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

28 A. Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, the State Department
29 of Education shall implement a four-year pilot program to provide
30 courses and assessments in United States history, government, and
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1 civics to eleventh-grade students enrolled in public school
2 districts and public charter schools in this state.

3 B. The State Department of Education shall contract with a
4 provider that will make online courses and assessments available to
5 eleventh-grade students at no cost to the State Department of
6 Education or participating public school districts or public charter
7 schools. The contracted provider shall make the following courses
8 available:

- 9 1. Introduction to the United States Constitution;
- 10 2. The Meaning and History of the United States Constitution;
- 11 3. The Progressive Rejection of the Founding Fathers and the
12 Rise of Bureaucratic Despotism;
- 13 4. Civil Rights in American History; and
- 14 5. The Federalist Papers.

15 C. After completing the courses required by subsection B of
16 this section, eleventh-grade students shall be administered an
17 assessment on the content of the courses. School districts and
18 public charter schools shall submit assessment scores to the State
19 Department of Education, which shall post the scores on its website
20 in a manner that complies with the Student Data Accessibility,
21 Transparency and Accountability Act of 2013 and the Family
22 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

23 D. The State Board of Education may develop rules to determine
24 if the pilot program courses taught pursuant to this section are

1 eligible for academic credit toward meeting the graduation
2 requirements set forth in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4 E. The pilot program created in this section shall end no later
5 than July 1, 2027.

6 F. By November 30, 2027, the State Department of Education
7 shall submit a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives containing an evaluation
9 of the results of the pilot program. The report shall include data
10 on the number of students who score above and below seventy percent
11 (70%) on the assessment required by subsection C of this section.

12 G. The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to
13 implement the provisions of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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