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Bill Number	Description	Effective Date
HB 1378	Requires public school students in grades 9-12 to have instruction in CPR and defibrillator training at least once before graduating with a standard diploma. Law provides certain exemptions for students with disabilities, students whose parents object to training, and students enrolled in a virtual charter school sponsored by the SVCSB.	11/1/14
HB 1384	Creates "Parents' Bill of Rights" which codifies certain parental rights and reserves those rights only to the parents/legal guardians of minor children. Guarantees parental rights without obstruction or interference from the state. Certain requirements applicable to public schools in the state. Requires local school boards to develop and adopt policies to promote parental involvement, methods for parents to access certain materials, and an appeal process.	11/1/14
HB 1623	Allows local boards of education to adopt a policy regarding suicide awareness/training, and the reporting of student drug abuse. Allows boards of education to provide school-wide training to all students in grades 7-12 and to staff relating to suicide prevention and awareness. Requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to develop and make available to local school districts curriculum to address suicide awareness and prevention.	5/28/14
HB 2338	Any individual, business, church or school that renders emergency care or assistance during a natural disaster or catastrophic event shall not be liable for damages resulting from rendering care.	11/1/14
HB 2354	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law that relate to position of County Superintendent of Schools	11/1/14
HB 2355	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law that establish previous minimum teacher salary schedules	11/1/14
HB 2356	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law which relate to the Oklahoma School Deregulation Committee	11/1/14
HB 2357	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law which relate to the Virtual Internet School in Oklahoma Network (VISION)	11/1/14
HB 2360	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law which relates to the Adult Literacy Services Advisory Committee	11/1/14
HB 2366	Establishes the Oklahoma Citizens Participation Act for the purpose of promoting citizen engagement in the government process.	11/1/14
HB 2372	Prohibits employers, including school districts, from requesting or requiring access to social media accounts of employees or potential employees.	11/1/14
HB 2414	Amends the eligibility requirements and process by which a student with disabilities may apply for and receive a scholarship pursuant to the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Program.	8/22/14
HB 2496	Creates an exemption in Oklahoma statutes for certain military groups, veterans groups and ROTC program participants to use weapons on school grounds to participate in assemblies, ceremonies, or other educational programs approved by a school district. (Weapon may not	11/1/14

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	be operable and/or be loaded with ammunition while on school grounds.)	
HB 2497	Requires the State Board of Education to promulgate rules providing for limited exemptions from state mandated assessments administered pursuant to the OSTP for students facing exceptional emergency circumstances. (Defines emergency.) Allows a school district to consider Prekindergarten as a previous retention for purposes of meeting Reading Sufficiency Act requirements of “Good Cause Exemptions.”	5/28/14
HB 2499	Amends language relating to the system of accounting utilized by local school districts. Deletes certain limitations on information required to be on warrants or checks. Treasurer must still sign each warrant/check and state whether it is payable/non-payable.	7/1/14
HB 2505	Amends section of law relating to unemployment compensation through the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. Modifies definitions of “misconduct,” and requires no warning notice for misconduct. Bill creates a rebuttable presumption of misconduct for failure to meet certain standards and allows a good cause exemption for an untimely employer objecting to a claim for unemployment benefits.	11/1/14
HB 2536	Allows a parent or legal custodian of a child to delegate to another person, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, any powers regarding the care and custody of the child. (Certain exemptions apply) Delegation is executed through power of attorney. Parent or legal guardian shall have the authority to revoke or withdraw the delegation at any time. New power of attorney must be executed if delegation lasts more than one (1) year.	4/28/14
HB 2541	Amends statutes relating to the transmission of obscene material (child pornography) by a minor. Bill adds the completion of education or delinquency prevention and diversion program as a possible punishment for the transmission of obscene material. The measure also provides an affirmative defense for minors who did not solicit the transmission. Amends the Bullying Prevention Act to require the SDE to work with OJA to develop educational programs for students and parents in preventing, identifying, responding to and reporting incidents of bullying. Requires school districts to establish a procedure for referral of a person who commits an act of bullying to a delinquency prevention and diversion program administered by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA).	11/1/14
HB 2548	Relates to teacher certification. Requires the OCTP (CEQA) to provide subject area competency examinations for teacher candidates in the native language of the candidate if the teacher has been offered employment in a foreign language immersion program in a school district. The State Board of Education is required to issue a restricted license or certificate to the individual – restricting the individual to teach only in a foreign language immersion program.	7/1/14

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HB 2571	Amends the section of law relating to the determination of a child's residence. Relates to the residency of students admitted to/residing in any state institution for children operated under the provisions of Title 10A, or Sections 3-101 of Title 43A. Students admitted to/residing in a state facility (operated pursuant to these sections of law) are considered a resident of the school district in which the facility is located, provided, that upon release from the facility, a child shall be considered a resident of the originating ("sending" or "resident") school district "for school purposes."	11/1/14
HB 2625	Creates alternative means by which third grade students may be promoted to the fourth grade. School district may promote based on: 1) Screening instrument approved by the SBE; 2) Student Portfolio Good Cause Exemption; 3) Student scoring Limited Knowledge on OCCT; 4) Use of any of the <i>seven</i> Good Cause Exemptions. Students not qualifying for Automatic Promotion under these options may receive Probationary Promotion if certain requirements are met. Law establishes additional requirements related to promotion.	5/21/14
HB 2626	Establishes deadlines for submission of Open Transfer applications. Applications must be filed no later than May 31 st of the school year preceding the school year in which the transfer is desired. By May 31 st of the same year, the receiving district must notify the resident district that a transfer application has been filed. The board of education of the receiving district shall approve or deny the application no later than July 15 th of the same school year. By August 1 st , the parents of the student shall notify the receiving school district that the student will be enrolling in the receiving district.	11/1/14
HB 2643	Bill amends section of law that establishes the Equal Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit. The bill expands previous tax credits to allow certain corporations a tax credit for contributing to an eligible scholarship granting organization. The bill states that any eligible taxpayer who makes a contribution to an eligible organization with a written commitment to contribute the same amount for an additional two years will receive an increased tax credit of 75% for the total amount contributed.	1/1/15
HB 2669	Bill amends the requirements for security risks assessments conducted by state agencies. The bill states that all risk assessments of state agencies shall be conducted by third parties unless a state agency has the internal expertise to conduct the risk assessment. OMES shall approve no less than two firms which state agencies may choose from to conduct the information security risk assessment. Report must be submitted by the 1 st of December.	8/22/14
HB 2682	Amends Section 5-136.1 of Title 70 to provide investment flexibility to local banks working with school districts on cash management	11/1/14

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	programs to invest in and purchase certain certificates of indebtedness.	
HB 2683	Amends requirements related to non-traditional (provisional) certificates issued by the State Board of Education in the area of mild-moderate or severe-profound disabilities. Requires individual possess a college degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Clarifies that individuals holding a non-traditional certificate may be considered highly qualified under NCLB in early childhood education or elementary education by successful completion of the early childhood or elementary education examinations. Bill modifies provisions for teachers certified in early childhood or elementary education allowing those individuals to add a certification in mild-moderate or severe-profound disabilities under this section of law.	7/1/14
HB 2730	Creates the "Oklahoma Extracurricular Activities Accountability Act." Provides that a public school or school district shall not be a member of any school athletic association unless the association has adopted certain written policies relating to the accessibility of records under the Open Records Act; compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and financial audit and compliance requirements of the Oklahoma Public School Audit Law. Bill defines "school athletic association."	8/22/14
HB 2885	Removes references to teacher "licensure" (licenses) throughout Title 70. Provides for the development of a paid teacher internship program to be created by the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability and the Regents for Higher Education. Purpose of the program is to provide mentorship and support for prospective teachers. Bill also amends components of the resident teacher program.	7/1/14
HB 2921	Creates new section of law recognizing Native American languages as a language art that may be taught in public schools to fulfill core curriculum requirements. Allows school districts to issue the same credit for Native American language course as provided for world language courses. Certification requirements must be met.	7/1/14
HB 2938	Requires the State Board of Education to promulgate rules that qualify teachers who pass the state vocal music certification test to teach piano courses.	7/1/14
HB 2977	Adds and modifies definitions included in the Oklahoma Telecommunications Act. Modifies the definition of "public school" to mean all free schools "supported by public taxation" that offer grades Prekindergarten through twelve.	5/9/14
HB 3006	New section of law requiring that agricultural programs shall be limited to student in grades eight through twelve and shall be provided by comprehensive public school districts. New language states that technology center school districts shall be prohibited from operating agricultural programs or FFA chapters in any location. Clarifies that school districts shall provide transportation services for all agricultural-education-programs and FFA program related duties funded by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education	4/9/14
HB 3025	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law which relate to the creation of the Post-secondary Oversight Council.	7/1/14

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HB 3173	Amends the Oklahoma Open Records Act to create a specific exemption applicable to all public bodies relating to all records created pursuant to the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE). Language includes current and former employees, and relate to any evaluation, observation, “or other TLE record of such employee.” Directs the SDE to keep such records confidential, and clarifies that the prohibition applies to current and former employees. New language states that, with regard to the SDE, nothing in the law shall be construed to prohibit disclosure otherwise required by the TLE statutes; provided, however, any provisions requiring disclosure of TLE records shall be interpreted narrowly and all identifying information shall be redacted to the fullest extent possible.	11/1/14
HB 3243	Extends termination date of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education	4/22/14
HB 3251	Amends the Public Competitive Bidding Act as it relates to notice and bids for contracts when an emergency has been declared by 2/3 majority of the members of a governing body. Requirements of the law relating to notices and bids shall not apply to contracts less than \$75,000 in emergency situations. (Previously, contractual limit was \$35,000.)	11/1/14
HB 3333	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law relating to the Oklahoma Education Council.	11/1/14
HB 3350	New law provides that, within the system of career technology districts, no resident or non-resident tuition shall be charged to children of peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; children of firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty; children of members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System who have given their lives in the line of duty or whose disability is by means of personal or traumatic injury of a catastrophic nature and occurred in the line of duty; and children of medical technicians who have given their lives in the line of duty. The tuition waiver is limited to a period of five (5) years. Law defines “firefighter” and “emergency medical technician.”	11/1/14
HB 3399	Law amends several sections of Title 70 to replace references to “PASS standards” and “Common Core State Standards.” Amends references to standards, replacing all references with “state subject matter standards adopted by the State Board of Education.” Most significantly, law establishes a new process by which the State Board of Education must adopt subject matter standards. Establishes requirements for adoption; requirements for certification of new standards; requirements for new assessments. Prohibits the SBE from ceding any authority over state standards and state assessments. Establishes a new process for legislative approval. Requires the SBE to adopt PASS standards in English language arts and Mathematics until new standards have been written. New standards in those areas must be completed by August 1, 2016.	6/5/14
HB 3469	Creates the “Quinten Douglas Wood Act of 2014.” Directs the	11/1/14

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	Department of Human Services to consider risks of a child who is unable to communicate effectively in investigations and assessments. The law requires the implementation of a protocol for children with complex medical needs, providing for removal upon reasonable suspicion that the child is unable to communicate that there is abuse, neglect, or some other safety threat, or that the child is in a vulnerable position due to the inability to communicate effectively. Directs Child Welfare Services, in coordination with the Developmental Disabilities Services Division, to implement a protocol to be used in cases where the child has a disability that presents complex medical needs.	
SB 436	Creates a new section of law authorizing the State Department of Education to establish Regional Education Administrative District's (READ's). READ's may provide administrative services to school districts, as defined in the law. SDE is required to provide information to districts relating to the establishment of READ's. Establishes requirements relating to personnel, fees, etc .	8/22/14
SB 934	Amends language relating to the possession of firearms by minors. Bill allows parents, legal guardians, or persons acting with the permission of such to provide firearms to minors for participation in hunting animals/fowl, hunter safety courses, education or training in the safe use of handling firearms, target shooting, skeet, trap, or other sporting event or shooting competition. The bill prohibits parents and legal guardians from permitting a minor's possession of a firearm if the child has been convicted of any criminal offense that contains, as an element of the crime, the threat or use of physical force against another person.	8/22/14
SB 1143	No change to existing law authorizing students in all public schools to recite, at the beginning of each day, the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America (36 U.S.C., Section 172). However, students " <i>shall</i> recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America once every school week." (Retains requirement to notify students they may choose not to participate in flag pledge.)	7/1/14
SB 1181	New section creating the "Oklahoma—A STEM State of Mind" Program. The law establishes criteria/requirements to obtain designation as a STEM Community or STEM Region. (Requirement that educators, administrators, business leaders, students, parents, government officials and business and industry groups within a community or region create awareness and promote STEM partnerships with education and industry.) Additional criteria must be met; SDE and Career Tech include in strategies to support STEM programs. Law sets out application process and criteria, including the creation of a subcommittee identified by the Governor to study issues related to promotion and growth of STEM education in the state.	8/22/14
SB 1295	Amends safety drill requirements applicable to all public schools by granting individual school districts the discretion to determine the level of student involvement in conducting intruder drills.	7/1/14
SB 1331	Requires the State Department of Education to provide for academic performance reporting of students enrolled in public schools in	7/1/14

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	Oklahoma who are in the custody of a state agency operated/established pursuant to Title 10A. The academic performance shall include report card grades, student performance results from multiple standardized assessments and OSTP results. Performance results must be made available to DHS and OJA via the Passport Program. Section 2 of the law requires the creation of a secure database to store Passport information and requires that OJA have access to the database.	
SB 1332	Amendments require commercial DL holders to submit required medical certification information, pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 391.41 <i>et seq.</i> , to the Department of Public Safety. Failure to submit required medical information shall result in an automatic downgrade of a commercial license to a Class D license. If a license is downgraded, it can be restored (without reapplication) once medical information is submitted. The bill waives the designated examiner fee if the applicant is employed by an Oklahoma public school system that offers driver education	7/1/14
SB 1364	Amends section of law that creates a "Zone of Safety" around elementary, junior, and high school sites. New language prohibits the following individuals from entering "any park": 1) Individuals who have been designated as habitual or aggravated sex offenders pursuant to 57 O.S. § 584; and 2) Any individual convicted of a crime in another jurisdiction which, if committed or attempted in this state, would designate the person as a habitual or aggravated sex offender under 57 O.S. § 584. The law defines "park" to include "any outdoor public area specifically designated as being used for recreational purposes that is supported in whole or in part by an association of homeowners, or a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority."	11/1/14
SB 1377	Amends the section of law that defines how a child's residence is determined. Provides that a minor child/student is admitted to an acute psychiatric care facility, that the district in which the facility is located begin providing educational services beginning the eleventh day of admission.	7/1/14
SB 1422	Requires the State Board of Education to approve an advanced placement computer science course to meet the mathematics sets of competencies required for graduation with a standard diploma <i>if the computer science course is taken in the student's senior year and the student is concurrently enrolled in or has completed Algebra II.</i>	7/1/14
SB 1461	Requires the governing body of each charter school to prepare a statement of actual income and expenditures for the charter school (for the fiscal year that ended on the preceding June 30 th). The report must comply with 70 O.S. § 5-135 and shall include functional categories defined in SBE rules relating to OCAS compliance. Charter schools shall not submit estimates of expenditures or prorated amounts to fulfill these requirements.	7/1/14
SB 1469	Extends the accreditation moratorium for two additional years, so that accreditation shall not be withdrawn from or denied (or penalties	7/1/14

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	<p>assessed) to school districts for failing to meet class size limitations, make textbook expenditures, or make library/media expenditures. The bill also amends the manner in which the graduation rate will be calculated for accountability purposes: “For a student who transfers out of a school site or school district, the written or electronic confirmation shall be official and document that the student has enrolled in another school site or school district or in an educational program <u>that culminates in a high school diploma recognized by a state or private higher educational institution accredited or recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for purposes of admission to the institution.</u> Students not enrolled in a program which culminates in the award of a credential recognized by a state or private higher educational institution for purposes of admission shall not be included in the graduation rate”</p>	
SB 1497	<p>Authorizes civil lawsuits against persons who violate the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act. Following a violation of the Act, any person may bring a civil lawsuit for declarative or injunctive relief or both. If the individual is successful, he/she shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees. If the public body successfully defends the civil suit and the court finds that the suit was clearly frivolous, the public body shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.</p>	11/1/14
SB 1520	<p>Allows the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind to inspect certain confidential juvenile records that are generally unavailable to the public. (Records include juvenile court records, agency records, district attorney records, law enforcement records, non-directory education records and social records.) Access is limited to students currently enrolled in the school or students who have been presented for enrollment. Inspection of records and disclosure may be limited to summaries or to information directly necessary for the purpose of such disclosure.</p>	7/1/14
SB 1602	<p>Any person who furnishes a minor with any form of vapor products shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any minor in possession of such vapor products shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor if they refuse to disclose who provided the products. The law defines “vapor product” and includes regulations for shops and vending machines that sell vapor products.</p>	11/1/14
SB 1653	<p>Allows school districts to adopt science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) block courses for purposes of meeting math/science requirements for course competencies required for graduation. Extends qualification for some math/science credits to courses taken during tenth grade.</p>	7/1/14
SB 1655	<p>Eliminates district-wide report cards from the A-F Report Card system established pursuant to 70 O.S. § 1210.545.</p>	8/22/14
SB 1661	<p>Transfers adult education programs, including the GED testing program, from the State Department of Education to the State Board of Career Technology Education. State Department of Education still responsible for issuing diplomas to successful GED testers.</p>	7/1/14

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SB 1693	Modifies the manner in which alternative candidates are appointed in the event of death of a political candidate. The bill also provides that if a deceased candidate wins an election, a vacancy in the office shall occur upon the date that candidate would have taken office and the vacancy shall be filled as prescribed by law. Includes other provisions relating to the ballot, required notices, etc. . .	1/1/15
SB 1719	Updates language in the Central Purchasing Act relating to competitive bidding and sole source purchasing contracts. Allows for substitution of an item in a bid with one that is substantially equivalent in quality, performance and design, and allows an agency to consider the bid if the cost is less.	8/22/14
SB 1744	Amends current law relating to campaign finance. The bill modifies certain definitions and outlines campaign contribution limits as set forth and implemented by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. The bill also places contribution restrictions on certain entities including corporations, labor unions, limited liability corporations, and partnerships.	1/1/15
SB 1745	Creates new law applicable to candidates for elective office, including school board members. Establishes the "Local Government Campaign Finance and Financial Disclosure Act." Establishes new definitions and requires school board candidates to file campaign committees and meet certain reporting requirements. The bill states that all candidates for school district office shall be required to file statements of financial interests with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.	1/1/15
SB 1828	Amends sections of the Oklahoma Teacher Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System as it applies to records and data collected by the State Department of Education. Requires the SDE to keep all data collected pursuant to the TLE confidential, exempting it from the Open Records Act and Open Meeting Act. The bill allows local school districts to release data collected pursuant to the TLE to the SDE and contracting designees who are contractually bound to maintain confidentiality. The bill also allows the evaluation of first and second year teachers to be based solely on qualitative components of TLE.	7/1/14
SB 1829	Requires the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt a policy which allows a student to enroll in an institution with the system of higher-education and be eligible for resident (in-state) tuition if the student: 1) Satisfies admission standards, as determined by the Regents; 2) Has secured admission to and enrolled in an institution within the system; and 3) Presents to the institution valid documentation of receipt of an Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or Navy/Marines Reserve Officers' Training Corps full scholarship. Individuals who are only participants in or who have received only partial scholarships in these programs are not eligible for resident tuition. Regents to promulgate rules to implement provisions.	7/1/14
SB 1830	An institution within the State System of Higher Education shall grant a	7/1/14

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	leave of absence to a student who is a member of the active uniformed military services of the U.S. and is called into active duty. The student shall be eligible to withdraw and receive a refund for any or all classes, receive an incomplete grade for any and all classes, provided that if the student has completed 50% of the classwork prior to being called to active duty, the student shall be allowed to complete the class upon return from active duty. The student's admission status/GPA shall not be penalized and the student shall not lose financial aid. Leave of absence shall not exceed five (5) years, and an individual may bring action in district court for actual and compensatory damages against the institution if the institution fails to comply with the provisions of the Act.	
SB 1902	Clarifies the manner in which the Office of Juvenile Affairs may operate and establish a charter school sponsored by the State Board of Education.	4/29/14
SB 1914	Provides that any arrest or detention of a child under the Oklahoma Juvenile Code or any juvenile adjudication shall not be considered an arrest, detention or conviction for the purposes of employment, civil rights, or any statute, regulation, license, questionnaire, application, or any other public or private purpose unless otherwise provided by law.	6/3/14
SB 2026	Any "interlocal entity" organized pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act that insures an Oklahoma educational institution and has received insurance premiums or contributions within the last 12 months shall have an annual audit by an independent CPA. The bill also requires the interlocal to file an audited financial report with the Insurance Commissioner within 180 days immediately following the close of the entity's fiscal year.	11/1/14
SB 2060	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law which relate to the Student Tracking and Reporting (STAR) Pilot Program.	8/22/14
SB 2061	Repeals outdated sections of Oklahoma law which relate to the State Council on Vocational Education.	7/1/14
SB 2127	General Appropriations Bill	7/1/14