Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1011

By: Blackwell, Bennett, Cannaday, Scott, Wood, Cleveland, Fisher, Cockroft, Moore, Nollan, Newell, Johnson, Echols, McDaniel (Curtis), Walker, McNiel, Osborn and Brumbaugh

A Resolution stating legislative intent not to approve further adoption of Common Core State Standards until certain costs are ascertained; directing the State Board of Education to prepare and submit a report on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards; specifying contents of the report; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the economy of the United States has been in an economic downturn for the past five years and continues to underperform and is in a state of flux and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the state of this economic uncertainty has affected the economic condition of the State of Oklahoma, causing it to also underperform; and

WHEREAS, the state revenues of Oklahoma have suffered with at least three years of reduced funding for most agencies, including common education, over the past two legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon legislators to prudently assess the cost, outcomes and advisability of expenditures in every area of government, but most especially those expenditures in the largest area of state government, which is common education; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon legislators to assess the cost to the state of adopting the Common Core State Standards, in their

entirety, along with the concomitant changes to Oklahoma education, including but not limited to vast changes in testing, textbooks, teacher evaluation, and school performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that no further approval of adoption of Common Core State Standards shall be made until a fiscal analysis of the totality of the cost, precipitated by the Common Core State Standards changes, can be ascertained with a high degree of certainty and the true extent of the expenditures, necessitated by these changes, is made known.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representative hereby directs the State Board of Education to prepare and submit by December 1, 2013, a report to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives containing the following information concerning the implementation of the Common Core State Standards or Oklahoma C3 Standards:

1. The total amount of funds expended by the State Department of Education and by school districts from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, on adopting the Common Core State Standards, developing and implementing the Oklahoma C3 Standards, providing assistance to school districts through resource development and professional development opportunities and in participating in the development of a Common Core assessment system through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC);

2. The total amount of funds the State Department of Education and school districts have budgeted or expect to expend in the upcoming fiscal years on developing and implementing the Oklahoma C3 Standards, providing assistance to school districts through resource development and professional development opportunities and in participating in the development of a Common Core assessment system through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC);

3. A side-by-side comparison in each subject area of the Priority Academic Students Skills prior to adoption of the Common Core State Standards to the Oklahoma C3 Standards, with a description of the changes;

4. The total amount of funds the State Department of Education has expended, has budgeted or expects to expend in the upcoming fiscal years on transitioning the current state criterion-referenced assessments to the Common Core assessment system being developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC);

5. A summary of changes in the current criterion-referenced assessment or the development and adoption of new assessments that will be needed to transition to the Common Core assessment system being developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). In addition the summary shall include an assessment of the current technology capacity of the State Department of Education and school districts and the amount and cost of additional technology that the Department and school districts will need in order to administer the new online assessments; and

6. A summary of the impact of implementing the Oklahoma C3 Standards on textbooks, the state textbook adoption process, and teacher evaluations.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 24th day of May, 20 13, at 9:20 o'clock P. M.

By: Chris Harrison