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## RED BANNER UPDATE

**Date:** May 12, 2021

**Re:** SB 252

**Signed:** May 3, 2021

**Effective:** November 1, 2021

**Topic:** Computer Science Instruction

**Summary:** This Act amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 11-103.6m and requires, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, that all public high schools must offer a minimum of one (1) computer science course to students. By the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, every public middle and elementary school must offer instruction aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science, which may be offered through a stand-alone computer science course or integrated into other courses.

The Act further requires that these courses or offerings must “be of high quality, as defined by the State Board of Education” and be offered in an in-person setting; however, these can be offered as a virtual or distance course, but only when a traditional classroom setting is not feasible.

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.