



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: April 29, 2024

Re: HB 3234

Signed: April 23, 2024

Effective: November 1, 2024

Topic: Career Tech and High School Equivalency Diploma

Summary: This bill amends current law (70 O.S. § 14-132) to authorize the State Board of Career and Technology Education to outline the eligibility criteria and requirements for individuals 21 years of age and older seeking to obtain a high school equivalency diploma based on their work experience and educational attainment. The law has further been amended to specify that both the Department of Education and the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education shall *share* the responsibility for issuing diplomas to those who successfully complete a high school equivalency test, pursuant to criteria established by the State Board of Education.

Legal counsel at the firm does not anticipate any changes to existing district policies associated with this amendment.