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3 HOUSE BILL 3416

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; enacting the
8 Hunger-free Campus Act; providing short title;
9 defining terms; requiring the Oklahoma State Regents
10 for Higher Education to administer the Hunger-free
11 Campus Grant Pilot Program, develop a certain form,
12 and designate certain campuses at certain public
13 institutions of higher education as hunger-free
14 campuses using certain criteria; authorizing certain
15 public institutions of higher education to develop
16 procedures; requiring certain public institutions of
17 higher education to make certain information publicly
18 available; requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for
19 Higher Education to allocate grant funding for
20 certain public institutions of higher education;
21 requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
22 Education to determine the amount of grant funding to
23 each eligible public institution of higher education;
24 requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
Education to include a strategic plan; requiring the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt
regulations; requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for
Higher Education to report to the Governor and the
State Legislature within a certain time period;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2501 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Hunger-free
5 Campus Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2502 of Title 70, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 As used in the Hunger-free Campus Act:

10 1. "Emergency assistance" means immediate direct assistance
11 provided by a hunger-free campus to any student facing an
12 unanticipated financial crisis or hardship;

13 2. "Hunger-free campus" means a campus of any four-year public
14 institution of higher education that meets the requirements of
15 subsection A of Section 4 of this act or any two-year public
16 institution of higher education that meets the requirements of
17 subsection B of Section 4 of this act; and

18 3. "Program" means the Hunger-free Campus Grant Program.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2503 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall administer
23 the Hunger-free Campus Grant Program and shall develop the form to
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1 be used for the annual student survey required under Section 4 of
2 this act.

3 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2504 of Title 70, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
7 designate as a hunger-free campus any campus of a four-year public
8 institution of higher education that:

9 1. Has established a hunger task force that:

10 a. meets at least two times per academic year, and

11 b. sets at least two goals with action plans;

12 2. Has a designated a staff member responsible for:

13 a. assisting students in enrolling in the Supplemental
14 Nutrition Assistance Program, or

15 b. connecting students with available Supplemental
16 Nutrition Assistance Program outreach partners that
17 can assist students in enrolling in the Supplemental
18 Nutrition Assistance Program;

19 3. Has designated a staff member responsible for informing
20 students participating in the Federal Work-Study Program regarding
21 eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;

22 4. Facilitates collaboration with campus retailers to provide
23 options for students to utilize Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
24 Program benefits at campus retailers;

1 5. Provides students with information on the names and
2 locations of off-campus retailers that accept Supplemental Nutrition
3 Assistance Program benefits;

4 6. Participates in an awareness day campaign activity and
5 complete at least one campus awareness event during Hunger Action
6 Month in September;

7 7. Provides at least one food pantry on campus or enables
8 students in need to receive food through a separate, stigma-free
9 arrangement;

10 8. Facilitates efforts between campus administrators and food
11 service operations or vendors to develop and maintain a meal-sharing
12 program that allows students to donate their unused meal plan
13 credits to be distributed to students in need for use in campus
14 dining halls or at an on-campus food pantry, if applicable;

15 9. Conducts a standardized annual student survey on hunger and
16 submits the results to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
17 Education; and

18 10. Submits an annual report detailing its efforts to address
19 student hunger to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

20 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
21 designate as a hunger-free campus any campus of a two-year public
22 institution of higher education that meets all the requirements for
23 four-year public institutions of higher education identified in
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1 subsection A of this section, with the exception of the requirements
2 in paragraphs 4 and 7 of subsection A of this section.

3 C. 1. Each public institution of higher education may develop
4 its own procedures for a meal-sharing program.

5 2. Each public institution of higher education shall make
6 information about the meal-sharing program publicly available,
7 including:

8 a. how a student may donate unused meal plan credits,

9 b. how a student in need may apply to receive donated
10 meal plan credits, and

11 c. the methodology that an institution of higher
12 education uses to ensure that unused donated meal plan
13 credits are used to purchase food to support an on-
14 campus food pantry, if applicable.

15 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2505 of Title 70, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
19 allocate grant funding, as available through state appropriations,
20 to any four-year or two-year public institution of higher education
21 that:

22 1. Pledges a matching contribution to be used to implement the
23 goals of the program; and

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1 2. Meets the requirements to be designated as a hunger-free
2 campus.

3 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
4 determine the amount of each institutional grant based on available
5 funding and may retain grant funds for administrative costs at or
6 below the allowable annual indirect cost rate negotiated by the
7 State Regents with the U.S. Department of Education.

8 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
9 develop a strategic plan starting when this act becomes effective to
10 address meeting the basic needs of higher education students by
11 2030.

12 D. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
13 have six (6) months after receiving appropriation to develop the
14 process for selecting institutions for the pilot program as well as
15 the metrics that will be tracked from August 2023 through May 2028.

16 2. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education must select
17 institutions for pilot participation and award funds no later than
18 June 2023. Participating institutions must submit data metrics
19 outlined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and this
20 act no later than the first day of August of each year.

21 E. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
22 adopt regulations necessary to carry out the requirements of this
23 act.

1 2. The regulations adopted under this subsection shall allow
2 grant recipients to use grant funds flexibly to implement the goals
3 of the program, including giving recipients the ability to:

- 4 a. support emergency assistance,
- 5 b. hire staff to manage initiatives related to the
6 program, and
- 7 c. use grant funds for operational activities related to
8 the program.

9 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2506 of Title 70, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. Not later than five (5) years after establishing the
13 program, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
14 provide a written report to the Governor and the Legislature on the
15 implementation of this act.

16 B. The report shall include:

- 17 1. The number and amounts of grants awarded;
- 18 2. The impact of the program on establishing hunger-free
19 campuses at public institutions of higher education;
- 20 3. The impact of awarded grants on reducing the number of
21 students experiencing food insecurity; and
- 22 4. Recommendations on expanding the program.

23 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

1 SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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