

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3457

By: Moore

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to concurrent enrollment; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 628.13, which relates to concurrent enrollment for high school students; establishing limit for tuition rate reimbursement; providing for future rate adjustment based on certain federal index; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 628.13, is amended to read as follows:

Section 628.13 A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or university courses of eligible high school students on high school campuses, on college and university campuses and via online courses.

2. The State Regents and ~~State~~ Board shall establish concurrent enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability

1 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma  
2 high schools.

3 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the  
4 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare  
5 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features and  
6 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the  
7 independent school districts distribute the materials to each  
8 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

9 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
10 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise  
11 eligible high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)  
12 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,  
13 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any  
14 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the  
15 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

16 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility  
17 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive  
18 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a  
19 maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in their senior year.

20 2. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment  
21 program being fully funded, each high school junior who meets the  
22 eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled  
23 to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident  
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1 tuition for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in their junior year,  
2 subject to the availability of funds.

3 3. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be  
4 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in  
5 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program  
6 and the number of eligible applicants.

7 4. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,  
8 concurrent enrollment tuition rates shall be reimbursed at a rate of  
9 not more than One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) per credit hour.  
10 Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and annually  
11 thereafter, the concurrent enrollment tuition reimbursement rate  
12 shall be adjusted to reflect the percentage changes, if any, in the  
13 previous year's Consumer Price Index published by the United States  
14 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

15 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent  
16 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any  
17 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated  
18 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher  
19 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective  
20 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment  
21 higher education course and a course provided by the school  
22 district.

23 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State  
24 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the  
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1 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.  
2 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following  
3 information:

4 1. The number of students participating in concurrent  
5 enrollment;

6 2. The number of students participating in concurrent  
7 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of  
8 this section;

9 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in  
10 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and

11 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of  
12 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's  
13 degree at an institution of higher education.

14 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the  
15 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department  
16 of Education.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

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