

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL 1086

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to concurrent enrollment; amending 70  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, as amended by Section 1,  
9 Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section  
10 628.13), which relates to concurrent enrollment  
11 participation; removing language subjecting certain  
12 participation to availability of funds; directing the  
13 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to submit  
14 certain revenue estimate by certain date; directing  
15 the Legislature to provide adequate funding for  
16 concurrent enrollment tuition waivers for certain  
17 students beginning with certain fiscal year;  
18 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
19 emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, as  
22 amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019,  
23 Section 628.13), is amended to read as follows:

24 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.

1           2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent  
2 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course  
3 readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability  
4 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma  
5 high schools.

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

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

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

23           2. ~~Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment~~  
24 ~~program being fully funded, each~~ Each high school junior who meets

1 the eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be  
2 entitled to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of  
3 resident tuition for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in their  
4 junior year, ~~subject to the availability of funds.~~

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

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

17 F. 1. To ensure that the concurrent enrollment program is  
18 fully funded and all eligible high school juniors and seniors  
19 receive tuition waivers, no later than November 1, 2020, and  
20 November 1 of each subsequent year, the Oklahoma State Regents for  
21 Higher Education shall estimate the amount of revenue they deem  
22 necessary to fund tuition waivers allowed pursuant to this section  
23 for the fiscal year which begins the following July 1 and provide  
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1 such estimate to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 2. Beginning with the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021, and  
4 each fiscal year thereafter, the Legislature shall appropriate  
5 adequate funding to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
6 to provide concurrent enrollment tuition waivers for all eligible  
7 juniors and seniors.

8 G. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State  
9 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the  
10 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.  
11 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following  
12 information:

13 1. The number of students participating in concurrent  
14 enrollment;

15 2. The number of students participating in concurrent  
16 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of  
17 this section;

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

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

1 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the  
2 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department  
3 of Education.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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

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