

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 183

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; providing
8 criteria for consolidation of the governing boards of
9 two-year colleges within certain system; requiring
10 submission of certain plan; requiring approval of the
11 plan by the Legislature; requiring additional
12 legislation to implement certain plan; prohibiting
the State Regents for Higher Education from using
13 certain authority to reduce certain allocation for
14 certain reason; providing for codification; providing
15 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4432 of Title 70, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The governing boards of two-year colleges within The
21 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall only be consolidated
22 if:

23 1. The governing boards of two or more two-year colleges
24 propose a plan to voluntarily consolidate and submit the plan to the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate or a designee and the Speaker of
the House of Representatives or a designee; and

1 2. The voluntary consolidation plan is affirmatively approved
2 by the Legislature by adoption of a joint resolution. Additional
3 legislation shall be required to implement the provisions of the
4 voluntary consolidation plan.

5 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall not
6 use its fund allocation authority granted pursuant to Section 3206
7 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to reduce the funding of a two-
8 year college because it has not submitted a plan to voluntarily
9 consolidate its governing board.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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