

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing the
8 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt
9 certain policy; providing for instances when those
10 seeking enrollment outnumber available spaces;
11 allowing an institution of higher education to enroll
12 certain students after certain factors are
13 considered; directing institutions of higher
14 education to publish certain information by certain
15 date; directing institutions of higher education to
16 submit certain report by certain date; providing for
17 promulgation of rules; directing certain institutions
18 and schools to publish certain policies by certain
19 date; providing for codification; and providing an
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3242.4 of Title 70, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall adopt
26 a policy which allows a student to enroll in an institution within
27 the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education as an undergraduate
28 student and allows a student to be eligible for resident tuition if
29 the student graduated from a public high school in this state with a

1 grade point average in the top ten percent (10%) of the student's
2 high school graduating class.

3 B. If the number of students seeking enrollment pursuant to
4 subsection A of this section exceeds the available number of spaces
5 offered for enrollment for any semester:

6 1. The institution shall conduct a lottery to award the
7 available spaces; and

8 2. A student not selected for enrollment may delay his or her
9 enrollment to the institution until space is available.

10 C. A student who does not qualify for enrollment pursuant to
11 subsection A of this section may apply to any institution within The
12 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. After enrolling students
13 in accordance with subsection A of this section, an institution may
14 admit other applicants for enrollment only after the institution
15 reviews all timely applications for undergraduate enrollment and
16 considers the following factors:

17 1. The income of the applicant or the applicant's family;

18 2. Whether other members of the applicant's family have
19 attended an institution of higher education;

20 3. Whether other members of the applicant's family have
21 graduated from high school;

22 4. Whether the applicant worked while attending high school;

23 5. Whether the applicant is fluent in more than one language;
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1 6. Whether the applicant attended any school while it was under
2 a court-ordered desegregation plan;

3 7. The applicant's involvement in community activities;

4 8. The applicant's extracurricular activities;

5 9. The applicant's commitment to a particular field of study;

6 10. The applicant's academic record; and

7 11. The applicant's performance on standardized college
8 entrance exams.

9 D. Each institution of higher education shall publish, no later
10 than one year before the date that applications for admission are
11 first considered pursuant to this section, a description of the
12 weight given to each factor and the role each factor plays in the
13 admission decision of each institution.

14 E. By December 31 of each year, each institution of higher
15 education shall submit an annual report to the State Regents
16 describing the composition of the entering class of students
17 enrolled pursuant to this section. The report shall include a
18 demographic breakdown of the students by the factors described in
19 subsection C of this section and by race, ethnicity and economic
20 status.

21 F. The State Regents shall promulgate rules necessary to
22 implement the provisions of this section. The rules shall address
23 the operation of admissions programs pursuant to this section,
24 identification of eligible students, the format of admissions
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1 applications and the manner of notifying students of admission
2 determinations.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3242.5 of Title 70, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. Each institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
7 Education, medical school in this state and dental school in this
8 state that offers a scholarship program or admission to a graduate
9 or post-graduate program shall adopt written award and admission
10 policies.

11 B. The policies shall:

12 1. Establish standards for automatic admission to the
13 institution of higher education, medical school or dental school;

14 2. Establish standards for awarding of scholarships to
15 institutions of higher education, medical schools or dental schools;
16 and

17 3. Describe factors and the weight assigned to the factors
18 considered by the institution of higher education, medical school or
19 dental school in awarding a scholarship or granting admission.

20 C. The institution of higher education, medical school or
21 dental school shall publish, no later than one year before the date
22 applications for admission or for the award of a scholarship are
23 first considered pursuant to this section, a description of the
24 automatic admission standards, the weight given to each factor, the

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role each factor plays in an admission decision and a description of the standards for awarding of scholarships.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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