

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 641

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; encouraging the
8 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to
9 provide certain online distance-learning
10 opportunities; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3218.2,
11 as amended by Section 1, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2016 (70
12 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3218.2), which relates to
13 setting of tuition and fees; providing for
14 establishment of distance education tuition;
15 providing for noncodification; providing an effective
16 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
19 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

20 The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are encouraged
21 to adopt a policy authorizing institutions within The Oklahoma State
22 System of Higher Education to provide additional online distance-
23 learning opportunities for instructional continuity in the event of
24 an emergency, natural disaster or as a preventative measure in
25 response to a potential threat to student and employee health or
26 safety.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3218.2, as
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020,
3 Section 3218.2), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 3218.2. A. Resident tuition, nonresident tuition,
5 distance education tuition and other fees to be required of students
6 receiving instruction or other academic services provided by
7 institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall
8 be established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
9 with due regard for the provisions of Section 3218.14 of this title
10 within limits prescribed by the Legislature. Nothing in ~~this act~~
11 Section 3201 et seq. of this title shall be construed as limiting or
12 prohibiting the requirement of payment for goods or services
13 provided by auxiliary enterprises operated by or in conjunction with
14 institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and
15 authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

16 B. By January 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State Regents for
17 Higher Education shall submit a report to the Governor, the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives, and the minority floor leaders and education
20 committee chairs of both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature. The
21 annual report shall include the following information:

22 1. Actions taken in regard to and the schedule of tuition and
23 fees approved for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for
24 the current academic year;

1 2. Data on the impact of any tuition or fee increases on the
2 ability of students to meet the costs of attendance, enrollment
3 patterns, availability of financial aid;

4 3. The budget prepared by the State Regents setting out in
5 detail the necessary expenses of the State Regents for the next
6 fiscal year;

7 4. The budget requests or proposals submitted by each
8 institution to the State Regents for the next fiscal year;

9 5. The funding formula or allotment system used by the State
10 Regents to allocate money to each institution, including a
11 description of the functional goals of the formula or system for
12 distributing funds to each institution;

13 6. A calculation of any differences in the budget requests
14 amounts for each institution and the actual amounts allocated to
15 each institution, including an explanation for any differences; and

16 7. Any other data considered relevant by the State Regents.

17 C. By January 1 of each year, each institution of The Oklahoma
18 State System of Higher Education shall submit a report to the
19 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of
20 the House of Representatives, and the minority floor leaders and
21 education committee chairs of both houses of the Oklahoma
22 Legislature. The annual report shall include the following
23 information:
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1 1. A copy of reports submitted to the State Regents which
2 itemizes the tuition and fees for each institution by campus or
3 location; and

4 2. The total budget of each institution for the previous fiscal
5 year including the amount of revenue received from tuition and fees
6 and other sources and expenses for each campus or location.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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