

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL SB910

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; requiring  
8 presidents of certain higher education institutions  
9 to hold certain degree; allowing presidents of  
10 certain higher education institutions who do not meet  
11 certain criteria to serve out a contract; requiring  
12 the governing body of certain higher education  
13 institutions to hire presidents with certain degree  
14 upon certain event; providing for codification;  
15 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
16 emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.7-2 of Title 70, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. To be eligible to serve as president of an institution  
22 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, a person shall  
23 be required to hold a doctorate degree from an accredited  
24 institution.

B. Any person serving as president of an institution within The  
Oklahoma State System of Higher Education as of the effective day of  
this act who does not meet the requirements of subsection A of this

1 section shall be allowed to serve out the term of his or her  
2 contract. Upon dismissal, retirement or expiration of the contract,  
3 the governing body shall be required to employ a president who meets  
4 the requirements of subsection A of this section.

5 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
6 promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
9 of the public peace, health and 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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