| 1 | STATE OF OKLAHOMA |
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| 2 | 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021) |
| 3 | SENATE JOINT |
| 4 | RESOLUTION 15 By: Standridge |
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| 6 | AS INTRODUCED |
| 7 | A Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of State |
| 8 | to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma |
| 9 | Constitution by adding a new Section 5 to Article XIII-A; prohibiting certain institutions of higher |
| 10 | education from requiring students to enroll in certain courses; prohibiting students from being |
| 11 | penalized for not enrolling in certain courses; providing ballot title; and directing filing. |
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| 14 | BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE |
| 15 | 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE: |
| 16 | SECTION 1. The Secretary of State shall refer to the people for |
| 17 | their approval or rejection, as and in the manner provided by law, |
| 18 | the following proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution by |
| 19 | adding a new Section 5 to Article XIII-A to read as follows: |
| 20 | Section 5. No institution within The Oklahoma State System of |
| 21 | Higher Education shall require students to enroll in: |
| 22 | 1. A course that is not a core requirement of their chosen |
| 23 | curriculum; |
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2. A course for which there is no tuition or fee charged to the 2 student comparable to courses of similar time and commitment; or 3 3. A course, which is not directly relevant to a degree being 4 pursued, that the student or the person or party financially 5 responsible for the course objects to for philosophical or religious 6 reasons. 7 No student shall be penalized academically or financially for 8 choosing not to enroll in a course pursuant to the provisions of 9 this section. 10 SECTION 2. The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional 11 amendment as set forth in SECTION 1 of this resolution shall be in 12 the following form: 13 BALLOT TITLE 14 Legislative Referendum No. State Question No. 15 THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS: 16 This measure would add a new Section 5 to Article 13A of the 17 Oklahoma Constitution. It would prohibit an institution of 18 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher 19 Education from requiring students to enroll in certain courses. 20 The measure would prohibit institutions from penalizing 21 students, either academically or financially, who choose not to 22 enroll in certain courses. 23 SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED? 24 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES _ _

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| 1 | AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO |
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| 2 | SECTION 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall, |
| 3 | immediately after the passage of this resolution, prepare and file |
| 4 | one copy thereof, including the Ballot Title set forth in SECTION 2 |
| 5 | hereof, with the Secretary of State and one copy with the Attorney |
| 6 | General. |
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