

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 313

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SENATE

and

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HOUSE

[SCHOOLS - AMENDING 70 O.S., SECTION

626.7 - OKLAHOMA TUITION AID GRANT PROGRAM -

EMERGENCY]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1981, Section 626.7, as last amended by Section 88, Chapter 263, O.S.L. 1990 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 626.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 626.7 A college tuition aid grant shall be awarded annually to each eligible, qualified full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a curriculum leading to a degree or certificate in an institution of collegiate grade or postsecondary institution providing not less than a one-year program of training to prepare students for employment in a recognized occupation in Oklahoma approved or accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or appropriate postsecondary agency in accordance with the following:

1. Eligibility. Each full-time or part-time resident student as previously defined will be eligible to receive a grant in an amount as provided in paragraph 2 of this section. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall determine by rules and regulations the maximum number of semesters a student may be eligible for grants. No student shall be eligible for grants unless ~~he~~ the student maintains such minimum standards of academic performance as are required by the institution in which ~~he is~~ enrolled.

In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be enrolled during the course of an academic year, ~~he~~ the student shall cease to be eligible for tuition aid.

2. Amount of grant. The amount of tuition aid grant to any student under this act for any semester shall represent a percentage not greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of the tuition and enrollment fees normally charged to residents of the State of Oklahoma by the institution of attendance and shall not exceed ~~One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)~~ Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in one (1) academic year.

The percentage of aid shall be determined by the amount of effective income of the eligible student. Effective income of an independent student shall be the income of the student and the spouse of the student, if applicable. Effective income of a dependent student shall be the income of the student and the spouse of the student, if applicable, and the parents or legal guardian of the student. The schedule upon which determination of the percentage is based shall be based upon a maximum grant of seventy-five percent (75%) of tuition and fees, with an income range of from ~~Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00)~~ Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to ~~Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)~~ Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) at income intervals of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) as follows:

EFFECTIVE		PERCENTAGE
INCOME		OF AID
BELOW		
\$ 7,000	<u>15,000</u>	75%
8,000	<u>16,000</u>	70%
9,000	<u>17,000</u>	65%
10,000	<u>18,000</u>	60%
11,000	<u>19,000</u>	55%
12,000	<u>20,000</u>	50%
13,000	<u>21,000</u>	45%
14,000	<u>22,000</u>	40%
15,000	<u>23,000</u>	35%
16,000	<u>24,000</u>	30%
17,000	<u>25,000</u>	25%
18,000	<u>26,000</u>	20%
19,000	<u>27,000</u>	15%
20,000	<u>28,000</u>	10%

"Effective income" shall be defined as total taxable and nontaxable income less a per-household-member cost-of-living allowance. The allowance shall be calculated by dividing the current Oklahoma low median family income by the current median household size published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations to permit exceptions to the determination of effective income in cases of unusual financial hardship.

Financial assistance received under this act will be considered as part of a student's financial aid package.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 1991.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1991.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives