

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1009

BY: SHEDRICK of the SENATE

and

THOMPSON and PILGRIM of the
HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR TO PERFORM CERTAIN AUDIT ON THE OKLAHOMA STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY; REQUIRING FILING AUDIT REPORT WITH CERTAIN ENTITIES; PROVIDING FOR COSTS TO BE BORNE BY THE AUTHORITY; REQUIRING THE AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT ANNUAL BUDGET TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; STATING LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT A CERTAIN STUDY BE CONDUCTED; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND A CHAIRPERSON; PROVIDING FOR STAFF ASSISTANCE; SPECIFYING THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY; REQUIRING RECOMMENDATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 695.20 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Auditor and Inspector shall perform a special audit on the Oklahoma Student Loan Authority during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1992, and at least once each five (5) years thereafter. The State Auditor and Inspector shall have the power to take custody of any records necessary to the performance of the audit but shall minimize actual physical removal of or denial of access to such records. At the conclusion of the audit, the State Auditor and Inspector shall meet with the chief executive officer and the audit committee of the board of trustees of the Authority to review the audit report to be issued. The report, when issued, shall include any responses to the audit which the chief executive officer or the audit committee wishes to have included. The State Auditor and Inspector shall file the report with the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairs of the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The costs of the audit shall be borne by the Authority.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 695.21 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

On or before June 30 of each year the Oklahoma Student Loan Authority shall submit a budget for the next fiscal year to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The budget shall include amounts to be spent on administration as well as amounts to be allocated for loans.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4440 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that a study be conducted for the purpose of assessing the services and programs of the two public comprehensive institutions of higher education in this state. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall appoint a study committee by September 1, 1992, which shall include, but not be limited to, the presidents of the two public comprehensive institutions of higher education or their designees, and any person whom the State Regents determine would provide beneficial input into the study. The first meeting of the study shall be called by the chairperson of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education who shall then appoint the chairperson of the study. Staff assistance as needed to help complete the study shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Members of the study shall assess and review the missions and functions and the admission standards of the public comprehensive institutions specifically in the context of the provision in Section 11-103.5 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes that curricular recommendations of the Oklahoma Curricular Committee be sufficient to ensure that every student at every high school in this state shall have the opportunity to acquire all the competencies to matriculate at a comprehensive graduate institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education without the necessity of enrolling at the university in secondary-level courses. The study shall also consider the outreach efforts of the institutions through centers of higher education.

The study shall recommend any modifications that would enhance the services at the two institutions to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and file a copy of the recommendations with the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 1992.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 5. 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 30th day of April, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives