

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1470

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 1, CHAPTER 175, O.S.L. 1982 (70 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 4601), WHICH RELATES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AT TULSA; MERGING SUCH CENTER WITH OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY; CREATING THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY AT TULSA; TRANSFERRING CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1981, SECTION 3103, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 5, CHAPTER 137, O.S.L. 1988 (70 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 3103), WHICH RELATES TO AGENCIES OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; MAKING THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY AT TULSA AN AGENCY OF OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY; AMENDING SECTION 3, CHAPTER 175, O.S.L. 1982, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 14, CHAPTER 272, O.S.L. 1988 (70 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 4603), WHICH RELATES TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING FOR SUCH CENTER; CHANGING ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH CENTER AND DESIGNATION OF ALLOCATION; ABOLISHING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; CREATING AN ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY BOARD; REPEALING SECTION 2, CHAPTER 175, O.S.L. 1982, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 3, CHAPTER 317, O.S.L. 1985 AND

SECTION 4, CHAPTER 175, O.S.L. 1982, AS LAST  
AMENDED BY SECTION 15, CHAPTER 272, O.S.L. 1988 (70  
O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTIONS 4602 AND 4604), WHICH  
RELATE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COURSES AND  
PROGRAMS FOR THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AT TULSA;  
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 175, O.S.L.  
1982 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 4601), is amended to read as  
follows:

Section 4601. ~~The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
are hereby authorized and directed to establish a university center  
to make additional programs of public higher education available to  
citizens in the Tulsa metropolitan area. The center, to be located  
in Tulsa County and known as University Center at Tulsa, shall draw  
upon the educational resources of existing colleges and universities  
to provide the kind of courses and programs needed is hereby merged  
with and made an agency and an integral part of Oklahoma State  
University as a regional campus known as Oklahoma State University  
at Tulsa. The location of the campus shall remain in Tulsa County.  
The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical  
Colleges shall have the supervision, management, and governmental  
control of the Oklahoma State University at Tulsa, which shall be  
administered by Oklahoma State University. The State Regents shall,  
pursuant to Article XIII-A of the Constitution of Oklahoma,  
establish standards of education to assure that credits earned will  
be fully transferable between and among institutions of The Oklahoma  
State System of Higher Education.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1981, Section 3103, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 137, O.S.L. 1988 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 3103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3103. For the purposes of this Code, each of the following shall be deemed an agency and an integral part of the University of Oklahoma: the Health Sciences Center, the Law Center, and the Oklahoma Geological Survey; and each of the following shall be deemed an agency and an integral part of Oklahoma State University: the College of Veterinary Medicine, the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Oklahoma State University at Tulsa, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Agricultural Extension Division, the Technical Branch located at Oklahoma City, and the Technical Branch located at Okmulgee.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 175, O.S.L. 1982, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 1988 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 4603), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4603. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall allocate monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges for provision of ~~upper-division and graduate~~ higher education programs at the Oklahoma State University Center at Tulsa campus. The State Regents shall establish appropriate funds and accounts, including a revolving fund, in the Office of State Finance for servicing the fiscal operations of the Oklahoma State University Center at Tulsa campus, including, but not limited to, the securing of suitable physical plant accommodations utilizing state-appropriated and revolving funds. Such funds and accounts shall be subject to the direct supervision, management, and control of the ~~board of trustees created by Section 4604 of this title. Said board of trustees~~ Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges. Such Board is authorized to accept gifts, grants and other donated monies from the federal government, any county or municipal

government, foundations and other private sources for use in establishing, maintaining and operating the Oklahoma State University Center at Tulsa, pursuant to law and in the manner specified for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education by the rules and regulations of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4603.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The board of trustees for the University Center at Tulsa is hereby abolished. It is the intent of the Legislature that the President of Oklahoma State University appoint members to an Advisory Council for the Oklahoma State University at Tulsa campus who shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The Advisory Council shall consist of ten (10) members, no fewer than five of whom shall reside in the City of Tulsa. Any member of the board of trustees for the University Center at Tulsa appointed prior to July 1, 1991, shall serve as a member of the Advisory Council for the Oklahoma State University at Tulsa until such time as the member's successor is appointed.

B. It is the intent of the Legislature that such Advisory Council advise the President and administrative officers of Oklahoma State University and the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges regarding the need for both undergraduate and graduate higher education programs in the Tulsa metropolitan area.

SECTION 5. REPEALER Section 2, Chapter 175, O.S.L. 1982, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 1985 and Section 4, Chapter 175, O.S.L. 1982, as last amended by Section 15, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 1988 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Sections 4602 and 4604), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 7. 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.

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