

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 961

BY: MICKLE of the SENATE

and

DUNEGAN of the HOUSE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,
SECTION 822, WHICH RELATES TO REPORTS REGARDING
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS; DELETING OBSOLETE LANGUAGE;
CHANGING REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE
MADE AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES; REQUIRING
PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR
PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE TO SIGN CERTAIN STATEMENT;
DELETING REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENT SIGN CERTAIN
STATEMENT; DELETING REQUIREMENT FOR PRESERVATION OF
CERTAIN STATEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 822, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 822. A. ~~Beginning July 1, 1991, each~~ Each institution
of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education which is attended
by students receiving athletic scholarships shall submit an annual

report to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education which shall include:

1. The graduation rate for students at the institution who received athletic scholarships, detailed by sport, year of enrollment, race and gender; and

2. The graduation rate for all students at the institution, detailed by year of enrollment, race and gender.

B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall compile the data contained in the reports submitted pursuant to subsection A of this section and shall publish an annual report making the information available by individual institution by sport, year of enrollment, race and gender and on a statewide aggregate basis by sport, year of enrollment, race and gender. The report shall be distributed to:

1. The Governor;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

4. The Publications Clearinghouse of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries;

5. The library of each institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

6. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

7. Any person upon request.

C. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall distribute a copy of the report required by subsection B of this section to the library, athletic office, principal's office or counselor's office of each public secondary school in this state. The report shall be made available at the school for public inspection.

D. ~~Beginning July 1, 1991, each~~ Each institution required to submit a report pursuant to subsection A of this section shall provide the information contained in the most recent report to all

high school athletes ~~the institution is recruiting and, for every student who signs~~ sign a letter of intent, and the president of the institution or the president's designee shall ~~obtain a signed~~ sign a statement indicating that the student has ~~reviewed~~ received and ~~discussed~~ the report ~~with the secondary school guidance counselor or principal of the student.~~ Said signed statement shall be available ~~for public inspection at the institution for a period of six (6) years following the date signed.~~

E. For the purpose of this section:

1. "Athletic scholarship" means any scholarship, grant, or other form of financial assistance whose terms require the recipient to participate in a program of intercollegiate athletics for the institution in order to be eligible to receive the assistance from the institution;

2. "Letter of intent" means a document which is:

- a. provided by an institution of higher education to a prospective student who is offered an athletic scholarship, and
- b. signed by the student to indicate the intent of the student to attend that institution; and

3. "Graduation rate" means the proportion of student athletes to the general student population enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester who have earned an associate degree within three (3) years or have earned a bachelor's degree within six (6) years of commencing study for such degree.

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.

