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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 436

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(Schools - enacting the Secondary Education
Warranty Act - codification - effective date -
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 1210.520 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Secondary Education Warranty Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.521 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The purpose of this act is to ensure that graduates of Oklahoma public high schools have the knowledge and skills to pursue postsecondary education.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.522 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A public school district shall pay all general enrollment fees or tuition, books, and other costs associated with remedial courses that a student formerly enrolled in the district is required to complete if:

1. The former student completed a course that was offered and represented by the school district, after the effective date of this act, as fulfilling part of the core curriculum requirements adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and was

given a grade equal to at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in the course;

2. Within three (3) years of the receipt of a high school diploma where the course of study for said diploma included a course described in subsection A of this section, the former student enrolled in an institution that is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, in a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered pursuant to a duly approved cooperative agreement between an area vocational-technical school and an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, or in a private college or university in the State of Oklahoma;

3. The former student was required to take a remedial course or courses to satisfy the core curriculum requirements as adopted by the State Regents in a subject or subjects that were to be covered in a course or courses the student enrolled in and completed in the school district as set forth in subsection A of this section; and

4. The remediation was completed as provided in Section 4 of this act.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.523 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The remedial courses shall be completed at no charge to the student by the public school district at which the former student took the original course or courses if the former student and the school district mutually agree. If the former student and the district do not mutually agree to remediation by the district, then the remediation may be completed at another school district of the former student's choice if the chosen district agrees to provide the remediation and if the chosen district and the district which originally provided the course to the student agree on the cost and terms of the remediation. In the event remediation cannot be obtained by agreement in a public school district, then the remediation may be completed through remedial

courses offered by a college or university within the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.524 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

If a school district that is required to pay the expenses for remedial courses pursuant to Section 3 of this act refuses to pay such expenses, the Finance Director for the State Department of Education shall withhold the entire amount of the claim from State Aid or other payments otherwise due the district and transmit such amount to the public school district providing remediation pursuant to agreement as set out in Section 4 of this act or the college or university which provided the remediation.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.525 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules establishing procedures by which claims for remedial services may be submitted to the State Department of Education for payment from State Aid or other payments as provided in Section 5 of this act and procedures by which disputed claims may be settled.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 8. 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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