

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1862

By: Peltier

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Sections 3218.12, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993 and 3226 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3218.12), which relate to waivers of certain fees and tuition for students in higher education; providing exceptions; limiting certain nonresident tuition waivers; specifying eligibility for such waivers; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.12, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 3218.12), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.12 A. Fees for student activity purposes shall not exceed Five Dollars and fifteen cents (\$5.15) per semester credit hour or, if charged by semester, Forty-two Dollars (\$42.00) per semester at institutions and constituent agencies in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Fees for student activity purposes shall not exceed Three Dollars (\$3.00) per semester credit hour at higher education centers in The Oklahoma

State System of Higher Education. Such fees for higher education centers shall be administered for student activity purposes as authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Fees for student service facilities, such as student union, infirmary, and stadium, shall not exceed Four Dollars and thirty cents (\$4.30) per semester credit hour or, if charged by semester, Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per semester at institutions and constituent agencies in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

B. Additional student activity and service facility fees shall not exceed the limit provided:

Student Health Care Fee	\$46.00 per semester
Cultural and Recreation Services Fee	\$12.50 per semester

C. Institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may charge each enrolled nonresident alien student an international-student-status-maintenance fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per semester and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per summer session. The fee shall be for the administrative services rendered by the institution in processing, maintaining, and storing certificates of eligibility, work permits, practical training permits, transfer forms, visa extensions and expirations, and other immigration papers.

D. State educational institutions may be authorized by the State Regents to contract for, charge, collect, receive, and use any and all fees, tuition, charges, grants, and allowances available through the United States Veterans Administration, or any other federal agency, for the education and training of veterans.

E. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, the State Regents are hereby authorized to establish a system of student fee waiver scholarships for each institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to be administered by the Board of Regents of the institution. Said system shall include students provided for in the Oklahoma State Regents Academic Scholars Program. ~~Any~~ Except as

otherwise provided by law, any institution may waive fees for such students as determined by the institution.

F. The institutions comprising The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education are hereby authorized to establish an educational assistance program whereby such institutions may administer and utilize state funds when federal student loan programs require institutional matching funds.

G. Any institution, constituent agency or higher education center within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education is authorized to establish a program for payment by consumer credit card of tuition, enrollment fees, and any other higher education fee authorized by law.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3226, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3226. ~~Any~~ In accordance with the provisions of this section, any institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may award a scholarship that includes a waiver of nonresident tuition. A scholarship that includes a waiver of nonresident tuition shall only be awarded to a nonresident who is a teaching assistant or research assistant at any institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and the spouse and children of such a teaching assistant or research assistant. This nonresident tuition waiver scholarship may be awarded without regard to the length of time the assistant has resided in Oklahoma, if the assistant is employed at least one-half time in a teaching or research assistant position which relates to the assistant's degree program pursuant to rules established by the employer institution.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. 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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