

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1810

By: Hamilton and Steidley of
the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

(schools - amending 70 O.S., Section 3206 - Oklahoma State
Regents for Higher Education - effective date - emergency
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3206, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 3206. As provided in Article XIII-A of the Constitution
of Oklahoma, the State Regents shall constitute a coordinating board
of control for all state educational institutions, with the
following specific powers:

(a) It shall prescribe standards of higher education applicable
to each institution.

(b) It shall determine the functions and courses of study in
each of the institutions to conform to the standards prescribed.

(c) It shall grant degrees and other forms of academic
recognition for completion of the prescribed courses in ~~all~~ each of
~~such~~ the institutions.

(d) It shall recommend to the State Legislature the budget
allocations to each institution.

(e) It shall have the power to recommend to the Legislature proposed fees for all of such institutions, and any such fees shall be effective only within the limits prescribed by the Legislature, after taking due cognizance of expressed legislative intent.

(f) It shall allocate funds to each institution according to its needs and functions from appropriations made by the Legislature.

(g) It may coordinate private, denominational and other institutions of higher learning with the State System under regulations set forth by the State Regents.

Among other powers and duties, the State Regents shall:

(h) Prescribe standards for admission to, retention in, and graduation from state educational institutions.

(i) Accept federal funds and grants and use the same in accordance with federal requirements; and accept and disburse grants, gifts, devises, bequests and other monies and property from foundations, corporations and individuals; and establish, award and disburse scholarships and scholarship funds and rewards for merit from any funds available for such purpose.

(j) Allocate revolving and other non-state-appropriated educational and general funds.

(k) Transfer from one institution to another any property belonging to such institution when no longer needed by it and when needed by another institution to accomplish its functions.

(l) Prepare and publish biennially a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and institutions, setting forth the progress, needs, and recommendations of state educational institutions and of the State Regents; conduct studies, surveys and research projects to gather information about the needs of state educational institutions and make such additional reports and recommendations as it deems necessary or as the Governor or the Legislature may direct, and publish such information obtained as may be considered worthy of dissemination.

(m) Exercise all powers necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes and objectives of Article XIII-A of the Constitution of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. 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 House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate