

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1303

By: McCorkell

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4601, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4601), which relates to the University Center at Tulsa; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 4601, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 4601), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4601. A. The university center located at Tulsa which is known as "University Center at Tulsa" and which is presently designated as "University Center at Tulsa" shall be a full member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The Board of Trustees of the center shall continue to make programs of public higher education available to citizens in the Tulsa metropolitan area. The center shall draw upon the educational resources of existing colleges and universities to provide the kind of courses and programs needed. Notwithstanding the center's institutional status, the center shall not establish an independent faculty, shall

not provide courses and programs under its own aegis and shall not award through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education its own degrees. 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.

B. In regard to courses and programs of study, the Board of Trustees of the center is empowered to:

1. Determine the upper division and graduate education needs of the Tulsa metropolitan area;

2. Recommend courses and programs at the third and fourth years of undergraduate study leading toward completion of the bachelor's degree and programs of graduate study to be offered by the participating institutions; and

3. Negotiate contracts with institutions for courses and programs of study approved by the State Regents; ~~such~~. Such contracts shall be negotiated with Langston University, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and Northeastern State University unless the Board of Trustees determines that none of said institutions can satisfactorily offer programs for which need has been established by the Board of Trustees.

Courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level shall not duplicate those offered by Tulsa Junior College.

C. The Board of Trustees of the center shall prepare an annual budget which shall include the costs of administering and operating the center and which shall cover the amounts paid by it to the institutions with whom agreements are entered into pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section. The Board of Trustees for the center shall establish the usual and customary accounts established by other higher education institutions within the Office of State Finance necessary to carry out its duties.

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

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