

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1921

By: Steidley of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Sections 3218.8, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 247, O.S.L 1995, Section 6, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1995, and 3218.9, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Sections 3218.8, 3218.8a and 3218.9), which relate to Higher Education fees; modifying certain fees; authorizing certain institutions and constituent agencies to recommend certain fees and tuitions to the State Regents; providing for approval of such recommendations; stating legislative intent concerning a higher education fee and tuition study and the development and implementation of a certain plan; requiring submission of such study to the Governor and Legislature; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; 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 3218.8, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 3218.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.8 A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to establish general enrollment fees per semester credit hour which shall not exceed:

Lower Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$52.00 <u>\$56.50</u>
Regional Universities	\$43.00 <u>\$46.00</u>
Two-year Colleges	\$28.00 <u>\$29.50</u>

Upper Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$55.50	<u>\$60.00</u>
Regional Universities	\$44.00	<u>\$47.00</u>

Graduate Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$73.50	<u>\$80.00</u>
Regional Universities	\$58.00	<u>\$62.00</u>

B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to require that nonresidents pay nonresident tuition in addition to general enrollment fees. Except as otherwise provided by law, said nonresident tuition per semester credit hour shall not exceed:

Lower Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$115.50	<u>\$126.00</u>
Regional Universities	\$73.50	<u>\$78.50</u>
Two-year Colleges	\$60.00	<u>\$63.00</u>

Upper Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$130.50	<u>\$142.00</u>
Regional Universities	\$81.50	<u>\$87.00</u>

Graduate Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$160.00	<u>\$174.50</u>
Regional Universities	\$95.00	<u>\$102.00</u>

C. Students permitted to audit courses shall pay the same general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition as required of students who enroll for course credit.

D. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall consider, upon request of an institutional governing board, the approval of differentiated general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition rates which may exceed the limits as established in this section by no more than two percent (2%). Such differential as provided for in this subsection shall be authorized only at institutions with a full-time student enrollment, as defined by the State Regents, of nine thousand (9,000) or greater.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 3218.8a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.8a A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to establish general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition per semester credit hour for Oklahoma State University Technical Branches at Okmulgee and Oklahoma City which shall not exceed:

Oklahoma State University Technical

Branch at Okmulgee

General enrollment fee	\$40.00	<u>\$41.00</u>
Nonresident tuition	\$72.50	<u>\$74.50</u>

Oklahoma State University Technical

Branch at Oklahoma City

General enrollment fee	\$40.00	<u>\$41.00</u>
Nonresident tuition	\$72.50	<u>\$74.50</u>

B. Students permitted to audit courses at Oklahoma State University Technical Branches at Okmulgee and Oklahoma City shall pay the same general enrollment and nonresident tuition as required of students who enroll for course credit.

C. Except as otherwise provided by law, general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition fees at the Oklahoma State University Technical Branches at Okmulgee and Oklahoma City shall not exceed Eleven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$11.50) more than the general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition fees per semester credit hour assessed for lower division courses at the two-year colleges as specified in Section 3218.8 of this title.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.9, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 3218.9), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.9 The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to establish general enrollment fees and nonresident tuition for the following courses and programs in amounts not to exceed the following limits:

<u>Course or Program</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Allopathic Medicine	
Students	
General enrollment fee	\$3,775.50 <u>\$4,342.00</u>

per

semester

Nonresident tuition ~~\$5,554.50~~ \$6,388.00

per

semester

Dental Students

General enrollment fee ~~\$3,213.50~~ \$3,696.00

per

semester

Nonresident tuition ~~\$5,422.50~~ \$6,236.00

per

semester

Physician's Assistant Associate

Baccalaureate Students

General enrollment fee ~~\$1,968.00~~ \$2,263.00

per

semester

Nonresident tuition ~~\$3,855.00~~ \$4,433.00

per

semester

Physician's Associate

Master's Students \$2,500.00 per

semester

Summer Session for Medical
and Dental Students

General enrollment fee ~~\$264.50~~ \$304.00 per
course

Nonresident tuition ~~\$529.00~~ \$608.00 per
course

Law Center

General enrollment fee ~~\$1,800.00~~ \$2,070.00

per

semester

Nonresident tuition ~~\$5,500.00~~ \$6,325.00

per

semester

Optometry

Regular Semester

General enrollment fee ~~\$2,091.00~~ \$2,405.00
per semester

Nonresident tuition ~~\$2,868.50~~ \$3,299.00
per semester

Summer Session

General enrollment fee ~~\$1,708.50~~ \$1,965.00
per summer session

Nonresident tuition ~~\$2,298.50~~ \$2,643.00
per summer session

Special Studies Course

General enrollment fee ~~\$143.00~~ \$165.00 per semester credit

hour
Nonresident tuition ~~\$190.50~~ \$219.00 per semester credit

hour

Osteopathic Medicine

~~First-, Second-, and Third-Year~~
Students

General enrollment fee ~~\$3,815.50~~ \$4,342.00
per semester

Nonresident tuition ~~\$5,554.50~~ \$6,388.00
per semester

~~Fourth-Year Students~~

~~General enrollment fee \$7,551.50 per year~~

~~Nonresident tuition \$10,315.50 per year~~

~~Summer Session and Special Courses~~

~~General enrollment fee \$152.00 per semester~~

		\$152.00 per
semester		
		credit hour
	Nonresident tuition	\$218.00 per semester
		credit hour
	Doctor of Pharmacy Students	
	General enrollment fee	\$2,116.00 <u>\$2,433.00</u>
per		
		semester
	Nonresident tuition	\$5,290.00 <u>\$6,084.00</u>
per		
		semester
	Summer Session for Doctor of Pharmacy Students	
	General enrollment fee	\$1,322.50 <u>\$1,521.00</u>
per		
		summer session
	Nonresident tuition	\$1,984.00 <u>\$2,282.00</u>
per		
		summer session
	Veterinary Medicine	
	General enrollment fee	\$2,513.00 <u>\$2,890.00</u>
per		
		semester
	Nonresident tuition	\$4,509.50 <u>\$5,186.00</u>
per		
		semester
	National Technological University	
	Courses	
	Total charge	\$611.00 <u>\$703.00</u> per
		semester credit
hour		

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.14 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Each institution and constituent agency shall have the option to recommend to the governing board and to the State Regents fees and tuition to be charged to students enrolled at the institution or constituent agency. The fees and tuition shall not exceed the limits established by law. The State Regents shall consider and if appropriate, shall approve the recommendations of the institution or constituent agency pursuant to Article XIII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education conduct a comprehensive study on student fees and tuition and develop a plan for implementing a four-year fixed rate of tuition effective for students entering college in the fall of 1998 and thereafter. The study should consider the feasibility of implementing flat or block tuition rates. The study shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by January 1, 1998.

SECTION 6. NONCODIFICATION The provisions of Section 5 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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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