

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1921

By: Steidley of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

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; and providing an effective date.

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

Upper Division

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

Graduate Division

Comprehensive Universities	<del>\$73.50</del>	<u>\$80.00</u>
Regional Universities	<del>\$58.00</del>	<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	<del>\$115.50</del>	<u>\$126.00</u>
Regional Universities	<del>\$73.50</del>	<u>\$78.50</u>
Two-year Colleges	<del>\$60.00</del>	<u>\$63.00</u>

Upper Division

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

Graduate Division

Comprehensive Universities	<del>\$160.00</del>	<u>\$174.50</u>
Regional Universities	<del>\$95.00</del>	<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	<del>\$40.00</del>	<u>\$41.00</u>
Nonresident tuition	<del>\$72.50</del>	<u>\$74.50</u>

Oklahoma State University Technical  
Branch at Oklahoma City

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

Course or Program	Limit
Allopathic Medicine Students	

per	General enrollment fee	<del>\$3,775.50</del>	<u>\$4,342.00</u>
			semester
per	Nonresident tuition	<del>\$5,554.50</del>	<u>\$6,388.00</u>
			semester
	Dental Students		
per	General enrollment fee	<del>\$3,213.50</del>	<u>\$3,696.00</u>
			semester
per	Nonresident tuition	<del>\$5,422.50</del>	<u>\$6,236.00</u>
			semester
	<u>Physician's Assistant Associate</u> <u>Baccalaureate Students</u>		
per	General enrollment fee	<del>\$1,968.00</del>	<u>\$2,263.00</u>
			semester
per	Nonresident tuition	<del>\$3,855.00</del>	<u>\$4,433.00</u>
			semester
	<u>Physician's Associate</u> <u>Master's Students</u>		
<u>semester</u>		<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>per</u>
	Summer Session for Medical and Dental Students		
	General enrollment fee	<del>\$264.50</del>	<u>\$304.00</u> per course
	Nonresident tuition	<del>\$529.00</del>	<u>\$608.00</u> per course
	Law Center		
per	General enrollment fee	<del>\$1,800.00</del>	<u>\$2,070.00</u>
			semester
per	Nonresident tuition	<del>\$5,500.00</del>	<u>\$6,325.00</u>
			semester
	Optometry		
	Regular Semester		
per	General enrollment fee	<del>\$2,091.00</del>	<u>\$2,405.00</u>
			semester

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

Summer Session

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

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

Special Studies Course

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

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

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

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

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

per General enrollment fee ~~\$2,116.00~~ \$2,433.00  
semester

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

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of May, 1997.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 29th day of May, 1997.

President of the Senate