

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1042

By: Greenwood

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.12, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 3218.12), which relates to student activity and service facility fees; setting maximum student health care fee for those students who have health insurance; requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to provide rules relating to health insurance; 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. 1996, 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

Student Health Care Fee

for Students With Adequate

Health Insurance Pursuant to

Subsection H of this Section

\$00.00 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 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 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.

H. The State Regents shall promulgate and adopt rules providing guidelines for institutions, constituent agencies and higher education centers for the determination of the eligibility of a student to be a person who has obtained adequate health care insurance sufficient to qualify for the Student Health Care Fee of (\$0.00) specified in subsection B of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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.

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