

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2244

By: Leist

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education; providing that no fee or tuition shall be charged to Oklahoma residents at certain institutions; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.8, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 3218.8), which relates to general enrollment fees and tuition; deleting authority to charge general enrollment fees for two-year colleges; repealing Section 6, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 3218.8a), which relates to general enrollment fees and tuition for certain technical branch institutions; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.7a of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No general enrollment fee or tuition shall be charged to any Oklahoma resident for courses at any of the two-year colleges in The

Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or at the Oklahoma State University Technical Branches at Okmulgee and Oklahoma City.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.8, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, 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	\$56.50
Regional Universities	\$46.00
Two-year Colleges	\$29.50

Upper Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$60.00
Regional Universities	\$47.00

Graduate Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$80.00
Regional Universities	\$62.00

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	\$126.00
Regional Universities	\$78.50
Two-year Colleges	\$63.00

Upper Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$142.00
Regional Universities	\$87.00

Graduate Division

Comprehensive Universities	\$174.50
Regional Universities	\$102.00

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 3. REPEALER Section 6, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 3218.8a), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 5. 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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