

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2399

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 5, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 1996, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1996 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 4654), which relates to Rogers University; and clarifying language;

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 1996, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1996 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 4654), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4654. The Board of Regents of Rogers University shall have the supervision, management, and control of Rogers University and shall have the following additional powers and duties:

1. Adopt such rules as it deems necessary to govern Rogers University;

2. Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such personnel as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys, engineers, and other professional and technical persons for its operation and for the operation of Rogers University. Any personnel having custody of public funds or other public property may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in amounts deemed necessary by the

Board, payable to the State of Oklahoma, and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of all funds and property;

3. Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials, and equipment, and incur ~~such~~ other expenses as may be necessary and proper to make its powers effective;

4. Authorize officials at Rogers University to act in its behalf in the making of contracts or in carrying out the powers conferred upon it;

5. Receive and make disposition of monies, grants, and property from federal agencies, and administer the same in accordance with federal requirements;

6. Accept gifts of real and personal property, money, and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the rules of the Board of Regents of Rogers University and any directions of the donors or grantors thereof;

7. Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or received from any other source by Rogers University;

8. Acquire and take title or beneficial interest to real and personal property in its name, on behalf of Rogers University, and convey, exchange or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control, such property in the interest of the institution, including the granting of leases, permits, easements, and licenses over or upon real property. The Board shall have custody of abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or title to real property belonging to Rogers University;

9. Institute and defend any action in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions;

10. Determine the need for and cause to be constructed dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at Rogers University;

11. a. Establish and maintain plans with regard to employees and retirees of Rogers University including, but not limited to:

- (1) retirement,
- (2) payment of deferred compensation to employees,
- (3) hospital and medical benefits, accident, health, and life insurance, and annuity contracts for employees and their dependents.

b. The Board may pay for all or a part of the cost of benefits for employees with funds available for the operation of the institution. Amounts payable by an employee may, with the consent of the employee, be deducted from his or her salary.

c. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as authorizing benefits for, or the hiring of, faculty at the Tulsa campus;

12. Establish and maintain a plan for tenure of employees at Rogers University;

13. Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to Rogers University;

14. Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to Rogers University;

15. Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and otherwise for the violation of rules of the Board, which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction; and

16. Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted to it, or to make Rogers University effective for the purposes for which they are maintained or operated.

