

SHORT TITLE: Higher education; stating intent that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education work collaboratively with certain institutions to coordinate the transfer of credits. Effective date. Emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1195

By: Milacek

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; stating intent of the Oklahoma State Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education work collaboratively with certain private institutions of higher education to facilitate transfer of credits; outlining certain objectives to facilitate credit transfer; requiring certain report by certain deadline; stating distribution of certain report; 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 3207.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Oklahoma State Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education assume leadership in working collaboratively with Oklahoma private institutions of higher education to facilitate the transfer of credits between public and private higher education institutions; provided that such private institutions are accredited under rules promulgated and adopted by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or are accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency which is recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education as a reliable

authority as to the quality of education or training offered by institutions of higher education for the purposes of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

B. To facilitate the transfer of credits between public and private higher education institutions pursuant to subsection A of this section, the objectives of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the qualifying private institutions of higher education should include the development of transfer policies and guides, degree sheets, course equivalences, and common course numbering. By January 1, 2000, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall submit, to the Chair of the Education Committee of the Senate and to the Chair of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives, a report on the progress made toward the identified objectives.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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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