

SHORT TITLE: Higher education; clarifying powers and duties of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 143

By: Haney and Hobson of the  
Senate

and

Hamilton and Settle of the  
House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3206, which relates to certain powers and duties of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; clarifying statutory language; providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3206, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3206. As provided in Article XIII-A of the Constitution of Oklahoma, the State Regents shall constitute a coordinating board of control for all state educational institutions, with the following specific powers:

(a) It shall prescribe standards of higher education applicable to each institution.

(b) It shall determine the functions and courses of study in each of the institutions to conform to the standards prescribed.

(c) It shall grant degrees and other forms of academic recognition for completion of the prescribed courses in ~~all~~ each of ~~such~~ the institutions.

(d) It shall recommend to the State Legislature the budget allocations to each institution.

(e) It shall have the power to recommend to the Legislature proposed fees for all of such institutions, and any such fees shall be effective only within the limits prescribed by the Legislature, after taking due cognizance of expressed legislative intent.

(f) It shall allocate funds to each institution according to its needs and functions from appropriations made by the Legislature.

(g) It may coordinate private, denominational and other institutions of higher learning with the State System under regulations set forth by the State Regents.

Among other powers and duties, the State Regents shall:

(h) Prescribe standards for admission to, retention in, and graduation from state educational institutions.

(i) Accept federal funds and grants and use the same in accordance with federal requirements; and accept and disburse grants, gifts, devises, bequests and other monies and property from foundations, corporations and individuals; and establish, award and disburse scholarships and scholarship funds and rewards for merit from any funds available for such purpose.

(j) Allocate revolving and other non-state-appropriated educational and general funds.

(k) Transfer from one institution to another any property belonging to such institution when no longer needed by it and when needed by another institution to accomplish its functions.

(l) Prepare and publish biennially a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and institutions, setting forth the progress, needs, and recommendations of state educational institutions and of the State Regents; conduct studies, surveys and research projects to gather information about the needs of state educational institutions and make such additional reports and recommendations as it deems necessary or as the Governor or the Legislature may direct, and

publish such information obtained as may be considered worthy of dissemination.

(m) Exercise all powers necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes and objectives of Article XIII-A of the Constitution of Oklahoma.

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

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