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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL 706

By: Williams

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.2 General enrollment fees, nonresident tuition, and other fees to be required of students receiving instruction or other academic services provided by institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ~~within limits prescribed by the Legislature~~ in an amount necessary for the operation of such institutions. Nothing in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Higher Education Code shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting the requirement of payment for goods or services provided by auxiliary enterprises operated by or in conjunction with institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3218.12, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, 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
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.~~

~~F.~~ B. 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.~~ C. 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.~~ D. 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.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3219.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1996 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 3219.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3219.1 ~~A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may establish any special fee not specified by law if the Regents determine that such fee is necessary for academic services or other activities, facilities or services provided by any institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.~~

~~Within thirty (30) days of the establishment by the Regents of such fee, the Regents shall file a report with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Chairperson of the Higher Education Committee of the House of Representatives and the Chairperson of the Education Committee of the Senate. The report shall specify the reasons the Regents~~

~~determined such fee was necessary and any other information concerning the fee.~~

~~B.~~ Each educational institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall annually publish all tuition and fees charged at that institution. The institution shall provide that publication free of charge to any person requesting any information relating to tuition or fees at that institution.

SECTION 4. REPEALER 70 O.S. 1991, Sections 3218.8, 3218.8a, and 3218.9, as last amended by Sections 1, 2 and 3, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1997, Sections 3218.10 and 3218.11, as amended by Sections 3 and 4, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 3218.8, 3218.8a, 3218.9, 3218.10 and 3218.11), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 6. 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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