

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 341

By: Williams of the Senate

and

Roach of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

[higher education - Oklahoma College of Osteopathic

Medicine and Surgery - effective date -

emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3423, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3423. The institution located in Tulsa County and known as the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery is hereby merged with and made an agency and an integral part of Oklahoma State University. The location of the college shall remain in Tulsa County. On and after the effective date of this act the official name of the college shall be the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall have the supervision, management, and governmental control of the college, which shall be administered by Oklahoma State University. At least one of the two highest-ranking administrative officers of the college shall be a doctor of osteopathic medicine.

There is hereby created the Oklahoma State University Health Sciences Center which shall include the programs of the Oklahoma

State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and may include other medical and biomedical sciences programs of Oklahoma State University.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3424, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3424. A. It is the intent of the Legislature that the President of Oklahoma State University appoint members to an Advisory Council for the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine ~~of Oklahoma State University~~, such council members to serve at the pleasure of the President. Said Advisory Council shall have seven (7) members, none of whom shall be employees of the state or engaged in business with Oklahoma State University or any agency thereof by means of any contract or business transaction involving a financial consideration. The appointment of members shall be made from a list of not less than three names per member submitted by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

B. It is the intent of the Legislature that ~~said~~ the Advisory Council advise the administrative officers of the college, the administrative officers of the university, and the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges regarding the professional preparation of doctors of osteopathic medicine in the field of general practice and regarding the general development and improvement of the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine as an agency and an integral part of Oklahoma State University.

C. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in determining the functions, programs of study, and standards of education of the college, continue to give emphasis to the preparation of doctors of osteopathic medicine in the field of general practice.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3424.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created the Oklahoma Rural Health Policy and Research Center at the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The mission of the Oklahoma Rural Health Policy and Research Center shall be to improve rural health care delivery in Oklahoma through the coordination of rural medical education, telemedicine, research, and health care policy.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 13, Chapter 325, O.S.L. 1998 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 4673), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4673. A. The State Regents for Higher Education shall establish the University of Oklahoma/Oklahoma State University Graduate Center at Tulsa (OU/OSU Graduate Center at Tulsa). The Center shall be directly funded by the State Regents for Higher Education and the Center shall be subject to its direction for final approval of programs and courses of study. There shall be a joint admissions committee composed of five faculty members appointed by the University of Oklahoma and five faculty members appointed by Oklahoma State University. The president of the University of Oklahoma shall serve as chair and the president of Oklahoma State University shall serve as vice-chair for the first year of operation of the Center. After one year the positions of chair and vice-chair shall rotate annually between presidents of the two institutions. The chair shall appoint the provost with the approval of the vice-chair.

B. The State Regents for Higher Education shall appropriate funds to the University of Oklahoma for the operation of the programs of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and for the programs designated by the State Regents for Higher Education to

be offered in Tulsa by the College. These programs shall be under the operational control of the University of Oklahoma.

C. The State Regents for Higher Education shall appropriate funds to Oklahoma State University for the operation of the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine ~~in Tulsa~~ and for any programs designated by the State Regents for Higher Education to be offered in Tulsa by the College. These programs shall be under the operational control of the Oklahoma State University.

D. A joint consortium for research shall be established as a part of the OU/OSU Graduate Center at Tulsa.

E. Any curricula offered by the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University at the graduate or professional level may be offered by the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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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