

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1344

By: Horner

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 2621 and 2622, which relate to the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program; modifying scope of the program; defining certain area; modifying award criteria; deleting limitation on the number of awards; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 2621, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2621. There is hereby created the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program is to provide a scholarship award to residents of the greater Greenwood area of the City of Tulsa, which was greatly impacted both socially and economically by the civil unrest that occurred in the city during 1921. For the purpose of this program, the greater Greenwood area of the City of Tulsa shall extend outward from the Greenwood area to consist of that land bordered by 66th Street on the north, the Osage County line on the west, Archer Street on the south, and Yale Avenue on the east. Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year and subject to the availability of funds, the program shall each year make available ~~not less than 300~~ scholarships to qualified residents of the greater Greenwood area of the City of Tulsa, who meet the criteria set forth in ~~this act~~ Section 2623 of this title, and who are intending to pursue studies at an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a

private institution, or who are intending to pursue studies in a postsecondary vocational-technical program. The scholarship shall be an amount of not more than the equivalent of the amount of resident tuition for which an eligible Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program participant enrolled at an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education is obligated to pay. The scholarship shall be paid as provided for in Section ~~19~~ 2625 of this ~~act~~ title. The further purpose of this program is to establish and maintain a variety of educational support services whereby residents who qualify for the program will be prepared for success in postsecondary endeavors.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 2622, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2622. As used in the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Act:

1. "Resident" means a person of any age who has resided within the ~~corporate city limits~~ greater Greenwood area of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as described in Section 2621 of this title, for not less than two (2) years prior to applying for participation in the Tulsa Reconciliation Education and Scholarship Program;

2. "Private institution" means a private institution of higher learning located within this state which is accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title; and

3. "Postsecondary vocational-technical program" means a postsecondary vocational-technical program or course offered pursuant to a duly approved cooperative agreement between a ~~technical~~ technology center school and an institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 4. 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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