

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 1559

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and

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[higher education - resident tuition eligibility -
criteria - codification -

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 3242 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Students who are enrolling in an institution in The Oklahoma
State System of Higher Education shall be eligible for resident
tuition if the student:

1. Resided with a parent or guardian of the student while
attending a public, private, or other type of high school in this
state; and

2. Graduated from a public, private, or other type of high
school in this state or received the equivalent of a high school
diploma in this state; and

3. Resided in this state for at least three (3) years prior to
the date the student graduated from high school or received the
equivalent of a high school diploma; and

4. Registers as an entering student in an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education no earlier than the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year; and

5. In the case of a student without lawful immigration status:

- a. files an affidavit with the institution stating that the student has filed an application or has a petition pending with the Immigration and Naturalization Service to legalize their immigration status, or
- b. files an affidavit with the institution stating that the student will file an application to become a permanent resident and citizen of the United States at the earliest opportunity the student is eligible to do so.

B. To be eligible for resident tuition as provided for in subsection A of this section, an eligible student shall have satisfied admission standards as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for first-time entering students for the appropriate type of institution and have secured admission to, and enrolled in, an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

C. Any student that meets the criteria prescribed in subsections A and B of this section shall not be disqualified on the basis of the student's immigration status from any scholarships or financial aid provided by this state.

SECTION 2. 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.