

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2624

By: Askins, Armes,
Deutschendorf, Dorman,
Kirby, McCarter and Lamons
of the House

and

Lawler, Maddox and Helton
of the Senate

An Act relating to higher education; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to make certain courses and programs available in Duncan; providing for the establishment of a branch campus of Cameron University in Duncan; providing for the governance and administration of the branch campus; providing for suitable facilities for the branch campus; authorizing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to provide resources for maintenance and operation of the branch campus; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an 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 3404.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide resident college credit courses and programs available to the people of Duncan.

B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide lower and upper division classes and programs and graduate classes at the Masters level through a branch of Cameron University, which shall be established and located in Duncan. The branch campus of Cameron University shall be governed by the Board of Regents for the University of Oklahoma and administered through Cameron University. The Duncan Economic Development Trust Authority shall provide suitable existing facilities to accommodate the branch at

Duncan. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may provide resources to Cameron University to maintain and operate the branch campus in Duncan in accordance with its function and mission as provided by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate