

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 3218.2, 3218.8, 3218.9, 3218.10 and 3218.12, which relate to resident and nonresident tuition and fees; enlarging distribution of report on tuition and fees; modifying contents of report; modifying certain limits set on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for certain increases in resident and nonresident tuition and fees; providing for mandatory fees; specifying criteria for use in determination of tuition and fee limits; deleting certain tuition and fee limits; deleting time limits set on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education regarding increases in resident and nonresident tuition and fees; requiring the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to take certain actions with regard to ensuring affordability and access to student aid when establishing tuition rates; authorizing institutional governing boards to establish academic service fees and specifying limit; modifying information to be maintained on fees; requiring the State Regents to maintain certain reports concerning tuition and fees for public inspection; requiring certain institutions to submit certain report to the United States Department of Education; requiring certain audit and specifying submission of audit for public inspection; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 3117, which relates to fee increases by state agencies; modifying description of higher education boards in exception to certain requirement on fees; modifying compliance standard for reporting to the Legislature on fee increases; changing name of certain legislative committee; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 3218.8a and 3218.11, which relate to tuition at Oklahoma State University Technical Branches at Okmulgee and Oklahoma City and to special fees; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.