

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 596

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; stating Legislative intent to allow enrollment of certain students regardless of the nationality of the parents; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt a policy allowing certain students to be eligible for enrollment, classification as an Oklahoma resident, scholarships and student aid; stating certain requirements; providing for codification; 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 3242 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that all students who graduate from an Oklahoma high school be permitted to enroll and attend an institution of higher education and qualify for scholarships and student aid regardless of the nationality status of the parents of the student, if the student is otherwise eligible. Therefore, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall adopt a policy statement allowing a person who was not born in the United States and whose parents are not United States nationals and do not hold permanent resident status as defined by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, but who attended an Oklahoma high school for at least two (2) consecutive school years and graduated from the high school, to be eligible for enrollment at an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and be eligible for classification as an Oklahoma resident and be eligible to apply for scholarships and student aid, if the student is otherwise eligible. The policy may require the person to meet a

residency requirement and to meet any other applicable criteria for establishment of domicile as set forth in the policy of the State Regents.

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.

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