

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1763

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3218.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3218.2), which relates to resident and nonresident tuition and fees; requiring institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to submit certain information to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; requiring certain report to the Legislature and Governor from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; requiring the appropriations committees of the House and Senate meet with State Regents and representatives of institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for certain purpose; stating legislative intent; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3218.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 3218.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3218.2 A. Resident tuition, nonresident tuition, and other fees to be required of students receiving instruction or other academic services provided by institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with due regard for the provisions of Section 3218.14 of this title within limits prescribed by the Legislature. Nothing in this act shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting the requirement of payment for goods or services provided by auxiliary enterprises operated by or in conjunction with institutions of The Oklahoma State System of Higher

Education and authorized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

B. By January 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the minority floor leaders and education committee chairs of both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature, of the actions taken in regard to and the schedule of tuition and fees approved for The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for the current academic year. The annual report shall include data on the impact of any tuition or fee increases on the ability of students to meet the costs of attendance, enrollment patterns, availability of financial aid, and any other data considered relevant by the State Regents.

C. 1. Prior to February 1 of each year, any institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall provide the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education with the following information:

- a. data and a schedule regarding the amount of proposed tuition and fee increases,
- b. the need for any proposed tuition and fee increases,
- c. the impact of any proposed tuition or fee increases upon students,
- d. the impact upon the institution budget as a result of any proposed tuition and fee increases, and
- e. any other data requested by the State Regents.

2. Based upon the data obtained from the institutions, the State Regents shall submit prior to February 15 of each year, a report as to all proposed tuition and fee increases to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the minority floor leaders, the higher education committee chairs and the

appropriations committee chairs of both houses of the Oklahoma Legislature.

D. Prior to March 15 of each year, the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the Appropriations Committee of the Oklahoma State Senate shall meet with the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and representatives of any institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education that contacted the State Regents pursuant to subsection C of this section regarding proposed tuition and fee increases for the next succeeding academic year.

E. It is the intent of the Legislature that no such proposed tuition and fee increase shall be considered a factor in the determination of the appropriation amount to be made to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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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