

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2950

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 (Schools - tuition waver for certain students -

9 codification - effective date -

10 emergency)

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.16 of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. No resident tuition shall be charged by institutions within
18 The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or by any technology
19 center school district to students who are awarded the General
20 Educational Development (GED) State Diploma by the State Board of
21 Education.

22 B. The waiver of resident tuition shall be limited to
23 individuals who:

24 1. Are at least eighteen (18) years of age;

1 2. Are Oklahoma residents;

2 3. Do not currently hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree;

3 4. Meet all admission and retention requirements of an
4 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or
5 technology center school; and

6 5. Have been awarded the General Educational Development (GED)
7 State Diploma after the effective date of this act.

8 C. In order to qualify for the waiver of resident tuition as
9 provided for in this section, an individual shall make application
10 to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and enroll in an
11 institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or
12 a technology center school within one (1) year after receiving a GED
13 State Diploma.

14 D. The waiver of resident tuition as provided for in this
15 section shall be limited to the first one thousand students who
16 enroll each academic year and meet the eligibility requirements as
17 set forth in subsection B of this section.

18 E. A student meeting all of the eligibility requirements as set
19 forth in subsection B of this section shall be awarded a full waiver
20 of resident tuition for a period of one (1) year or two (2)
21 semesters, provided the student is enrolled in a program of study
22 leading to an associate degree, a baccalaureate degree, or a
23 postsecondary vocational-technical credentialing or certification
24 program or course.

1 F. To retain eligibility for the tuition waiver while enrolled
2 at an institution in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
3 or technology center school the student shall:

4 1. Comply with standards related to maintenance of eligibility
5 established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

6 2. Refrain from substance abuse;

7 3. Refrain from commission of a crime; and

8 4. Refrain from conduct that leads to expulsion or suspension
9 from an institution of higher education or technology center school.

10 G. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section
11 shall cover resident tuition for all courses for which resident
12 tuition is charged. The student shall be responsible for all other
13 fees that may be charged.

14 H. A student may receive a resident tuition waiver as provided
15 for in this section for a maximum of eighteen (18) semester credit
16 hours each semester for up to two (2) semesters or an equivalent
17 amount if the student is enrolled in a postsecondary vocational-
18 technical credentialing or certification program or course.

19 I. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
20 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section,
21 including establishing responsibilities of the institutions,
22 technology center schools and the State Board of Education,
23 providing for the allocation of funding, and setting requirements

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1 that the student submit certain documents confirming eligibility
2 with the institutions or technology center schools.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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