

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2889

By: Piatt, Hilliard and Hyman
of the House

3 and

4 Crutchfield of the Senate

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7 (higher education - Ardmore Higher Education Program -
8 Murray State College - repealing 70 O.S., Section
9 3213 - 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 3515.1 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The governance, supervision, management and control of the
18 Ardmore Higher Education Program is hereby transferred from the
19 Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program to the
20 Board of Regents for an institution within The Oklahoma State System
21 of Higher Education, and all interests in real property, facilities,
22 equipment and appurtenances, state-appropriated monies and all
23 duties, obligations and liabilities of the Ardmore Higher Education
24 Program and any and all obligations of the Board of Trustees of the

1 Ardmore Higher Education Program for and on behalf of the Ardmore
2 Higher Education Program are transferred to the Board of Regents.
3 Obligations for any and all plans for tenure or retirement of
4 employees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program, either through
5 the Ardmore Higher Education Program or the Board of Trustees for
6 the Ardmore Higher Education Program, shall be assumed by the Board
7 of Regents.

8 B. The facilities of the Ardmore Higher Education Program shall
9 serve as the branch campus in Ardmore of an institution within The
10 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The Board of Regents for
11 the institution may provide resources to the branch campus in
12 Ardmore to maintain its facilities in accordance with its function
13 and mission as provided by law.

14 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
15 undergraduate and graduate college credit courses and programs
16 available to the people of Ardmore and southern Oklahoma. The
17 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide courses
18 and programs through a branch campus of an institution, which shall
19 be established and located in Ardmore. The branch campus of an
20 institution at Ardmore shall be governed by the Board of Regents of
21 the institution and administered through the institution.

22 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer
23 to the institution for the offering of all lower division courses
24 and programs at the branch campus at Ardmore. Lower division

1 courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level shall not
2 duplicate those offered by Murray State College at the branch campus
3 at Ardmore.

4 E. The members serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore
5 Higher Education Program established pursuant to Section 3213 of
6 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes on the effective date of this act
7 shall serve as an advisory board. The advisory board shall advise
8 the president of an institution on strategic directions for the
9 branch campus, including academic programming, student services,
10 community relations, and institutional advancement. The advisory
11 board, in coordination with the president of an institution, shall
12 establish bylaws and membership of the advisory board.

13 SECTION 2. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, is
14 hereby repealed.

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

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

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2008.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2008.

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