

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 4, 2008

House Bill No. 2889
As Amended

HOUSE BILL NO. 2889 - By: PIATT of the House and CRUTCHFIELD of the Senate.

(higher education - transferring governance, supervision, management and control of the Ardmore Higher Education Program from the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program - repealer – codification - effective date – emergency)

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 3515.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
4 A. The governance, supervision, management and control of the Ardmore Higher
5 Education Program is hereby transferred from the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore
6 Higher Education Program to the Board of Regents for an institution within The
7 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and all interests in real property, facilities,
8 equipment and appurtenances, state-appropriated monies and all duties, obligations and
9 liabilities of the Ardmore Higher Education Program and any and all obligations of the
10 Board of Trustees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program for and on behalf of the
11 Ardmore Higher Education Program are transferred to the Board of Regents.

1 Obligations for any and all plans for tenure or retirement of employees of the Ardmore
2 Higher Education Program, either through the Ardmore Higher Education Program or
3 the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program, shall be assumed by
4 the Board of Regents.

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

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

17 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer to the institution for
18 the offering of all lower division courses and programs at the branch campus at Ardmore.
19 Lower division courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level shall not
20 duplicate those offered by Murray State College at the branch campus at Ardmore.

21 E. The members serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher
22 Education Program established pursuant to Section 3213 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma

1 Statutes on the effective date of this act shall serve as an advisory board. The advisory
2 board shall advise the president of an institution on strategic directions for the branch
3 campus, including academic programming, student services, community relations, and
4 institutional advancement. The advisory board, in coordination with the president of an
5 institution, shall establish bylaws and membership of the advisory board.

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

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

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

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 03-03-08 - DO
12 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.