

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 2950

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2950 - By: MARTIN (SCOTT)  
AND SHUMATE of the House and MYERS of the Senate.

( Schools – tuition waiver for certain students – 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 3218.16 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in  
3 numbering, reads as follows:
- 4           A. No resident tuition shall be charged by institutions within The Oklahoma State  
5 System of Higher Education or by any technology center school district to students who  
6 are awarded the General Educational Development (GED) State Diploma by the State  
7 Board of Education.
- 8           B. The waiver of resident tuition shall be limited to individuals who:
- 9           1. Are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- 10           2. Are Oklahoma residents;
- 11           3. Do not currently hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1           2. Refrain from substance abuse;
- 2           3. Refrain from commission of a crime; and
- 3           4. Refrain from conduct that leads to expulsion or suspension from an institution of
- 4 higher education or technology center school.

5           G. The waiver of resident tuition provided for in this section shall cover resident

6 tuition for all courses for which resident tuition is charged. The student shall be

7 responsible for all other fees that may be charged.

8           H. A student may receive a resident tuition waiver as provided for in this section

9 for a maximum of eighteen (18) semester credit hours each semester for up to two (2)

10 semesters or an equivalent amount if the student is enrolled in a postsecondary

11 vocational-technical credentialing or certification program or course.

12           I. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall promulgate rules to

13 implement the provisions of this section, including establishing responsibilities of the

14 institutions, technology center schools and the State Board of Education, providing for

15 the allocation of funding, and setting requirements that the student submit certain

16 documents confirming eligibility with the institutions or technology center schools.

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

18           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public

19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof

20 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

21           COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 03-05-08 - DO

22 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.