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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, April 7, 2008

ENGROSSED
House Bill No. 2889
As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2889 - By: Piatt, Hilliard and Hyman of the House and Crutchfield of the Senate.

(higher education - Ardmore Higher Education Program - Murray State College - repealing 70 O.S., Section 3213 - effective date -

emergency)

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3515.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

20 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer
21 to the institution for the offering of all lower division courses
22 and programs at the branch campus at Ardmore. Lower division
23 courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level shall not

1 duplicate those offered by Murray State College at the branch campus
2 at Ardmore.

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

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

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

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-2-08 - DO
20 PASS, As Amended.