

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2889

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5 AS INTRODUCED

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7 An Act relating to higher education; transferring  
8 governance, supervision, management and control of  
9 the Ardmore Higher Education Program from the Board  
10 of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program;  
11 transferring all interests and obligations of the  
12 Board of Trustees and the Ardmore Higher Education  
13 Program; requiring assumption of obligations for  
14 tenure and retirement by an institution; requiring  
15 certain facilities to serve as branch campus in  
16 Ardmore; authorizing an institution to provide  
17 resources to branch campus for certain purpose;  
18 requiring Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
19 to make college credit courses and programs available  
20 to people of Ardmore; requiring establishment of  
21 branch campus; providing for governance of Ardmore  
22 branch campus; providing for lower division courses  
23 and programs to be offered by Murray State College  
24 with right to defer to an institution; prohibiting  
duplication of certain courses and programs;  
establishing certain advisory board; providing for  
membership; stating duties; repealing 70 O.S. 2001,  
Section 3213, which relates to the Ardmore Higher  
Education Program; providing for codification;  
providing an effective date; and declaring an  
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:

1       A. The governance, supervision, management and control of the  
2 Ardmore Higher Education Program is hereby transferred from the  
3 Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program to the  
4 Board of Regents for an institution within The Oklahoma State System  
5 of Higher Education, and all interests in real property, facilities,  
6 equipment and appurtenances, state-appropriated monies and all  
7 duties, obligations and liabilities of the Ardmore Higher Education  
8 Program and any and all obligations of the Board of Trustees of the  
9 Ardmore Higher Education Program for and on behalf of the Ardmore  
10 Higher Education Program are transferred to the Board of Regents.  
11 Obligations for any and all plans for tenure or retirement of  
12 employees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program, either through  
13 the Ardmore Higher Education Program or the Board of Trustees for  
14 the Ardmore Higher Education Program, shall be assumed by the Board  
15 of Regents.

16       B. The facilities of the Ardmore Higher Education Program shall  
17 serve as the branch campus in Ardmore of an institution within The  
18 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The Board of Regents for  
19 the institution may provide resources to the branch campus in  
20 Ardmore to maintain its facilities in accordance with its function  
21 and mission as provided by law.

22       C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make  
23 undergraduate and graduate college credit courses and programs  
24 available to the people of Ardmore and southern Oklahoma. The

1 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide courses  
2 and programs through a branch campus of an institution, which shall  
3 be established and located in Ardmore. The branch campus of an  
4 institution at Ardmore shall be governed by the Board of Regents of  
5 the institution and administered through the institution.

6 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer  
7 to the institution for the offering of all lower division courses  
8 and programs at the branch campus at Ardmore. Lower division  
9 courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level shall not  
10 duplicate those offered by Murray State College at the branch campus  
11 at Ardmore.

12 E. The members serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore  
13 Higher Education Program established pursuant to Section 3213 of  
14 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes on the effective date of this act  
15 shall serve as an advisory board. The advisory board shall advise  
16 the president of an institution on strategic directions for the  
17 branch campus, including academic programming, student services,  
18 community relations, and institutional advancement. The advisory  
19 board, in coordination with the president of an institution, shall  
20 establish bylaws and membership of the advisory board.

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

23 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.  
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1       SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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