

## BILL SUMMARY

MEASURE: HB 2443

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SUBJECT: Higher Education – Tuition Waivers

PROVISIONS: Section 1: NEW LAW. Provides for a full waiver of resident tuition and fees at an institution within the Okla. State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) for students who are dependents of a full-time certified or support employee of public schools. Criteria for eligibility include:

- Oklahoma resident
- Graduated within the previous 3 years from a high school accredited by State Board of Education, or from O.S.S.M. with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Graduated within the previous 3 years from a high school not accredited by the State Board of Education or OSSM with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA **and** made a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test.
- Satisfactorily completed within the previous 3 years an education program that was provided through a means other than public or private schools **and** made a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test.
- Does not currently hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree.
- Meets all admission and retention requirements of an institution in the OSSHE.

If the above criteria are met, the student must also be enrolled in a associate or baccalaureate degree program with at least 6 hours in the fall or spring semester and 3 hours in the summer term. The tuition waiver does not include students who are enrolled in programs leading to a certificate, continuing education course, or career technology courses which are not counted towards a degree program.

Section 2: NEW LAW: Creates the Oklahoma Children of Educators Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE

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