

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 290

By: Corn of the Senate

and

Sears of the House

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11 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,  
12 Section 628.13, as amended by Section 11, Chapter  
13 432, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
14 628.13), which relates to concurrent enrollment;  
15 requiring school districts to provide academic credit  
16 for certain concurrently enrolled courses; specifying  
17 that credit shall be recorded on a transcript as  
18 elective credit only in certain circumstance;  
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 628.13, as  
23 amended by Section 11, Chapter 432, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008,  
24 Section 628.13), is amended to read as follows:

Section 628.13 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall

1 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or  
2 university courses of high school students of exceptional ability.  
3 The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent  
4 enrollment requirements and take all necessary actions to ensure the  
5 availability of concurrent enrollment opportunities.

6 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the  
7 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare  
8 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features, and  
9 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the  
10 independent school districts distribute the materials to each  
11 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

12 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
13 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise  
14 qualified high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)  
15 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,  
16 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any  
17 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the  
18 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

19 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility  
20 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive  
21 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a  
22 maximum of six (6) credit hours per semester.

23 2. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be  
24 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in

1 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program  
2 and the number of eligible applicants. The Oklahoma State Regents  
3 for Higher Education shall establish an application process and  
4 criteria for prioritizing applicants on the basis of need,  
5 timeliness of application, or other factors as determined by the  
6 State Regents.

7 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent  
8 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any  
9 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated  
10 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher  
11 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective  
12 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment  
13 higher education course and a course provided by the school  
14 district.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

16 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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