

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 290

By: Corn of the Senate
and
Sears of the House

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7 [schools - concurrently enrolled classes -
8 specifying credit - correlation - effective date -
9 emergency]

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

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

15 Section 628.13 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
16 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall
17 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or
18 university courses of highschool students of exceptional ability.
19 The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
20 enrollment requirements and take all necessary actions to ensure the
21 availability of concurrent enrollment opportunities.

22 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the
23 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare
24 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features, and

1 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the
2 independent school districts distribute the materials to each
3 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

4 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
5 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise
6 qualified high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)
7 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,
8 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any
9 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the
10 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

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

15 2. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be
16 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in
17 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program
18 and the number of eligible applicants. The Oklahoma State Regents
19 for Higher Education shall establish an application process and
20 criteria for prioritizing applicants on the basis of need,
21 timeliness of application, or other factors as determined by the
22 State Regents.

23 E. School districts shall provide academic credit denoted as
24 concurrent enrollment on the student's transcript for concurrently

1 enrolled higher education courses that are correlated with the
2 academic credit granted to the student by the institution of higher
3 education. Such credit shall only be transcribed as elective
4 credit if there is no correlation with any course provided by the
5 school district.

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

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

11 Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
16 2009.

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