

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
ENGROSSED  
Senate Bill No. 290

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 290 - By: CORN of the Senate and SEARS of the House.

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

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

1       SECTION 1.   AMENDATORY   70 O.S. 2001, Section 628.13, as amended by  
2   Section 11, Chapter 432, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 628.13), is amended to  
3   read as follows:  
4       Section 628.13 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in  
5   cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall actively encourage the concurrent  
6   enrollment in college or university courses of high school students of exceptional ability.  
7   The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent enrollment requirements  
8   and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability of concurrent enrollment  
9   opportunities.

1 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Regents  
2 for Higher Education shall prepare promotional materials explaining the requirements,  
3 features, and opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the  
4 independent school districts distribute the materials to each student prior to enrollment  
5 for each year of high school.

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

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

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

21 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent enrollment, school  
22 districts shall provide academic credit for any concurrently enrolled higher education

1 courses that are correlated with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher  
2 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective credit if there is no  
3 correlation between the concurrent enrollment higher education course and a course  
4 provided by the school district.

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER  
10 TECH, dated 04-02-09 - DO PASS, As Amended.