

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 8, 2009

ENGROSSED

Senate Bill No. 525

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 525 - By: OWNBEY of the Senate and
CRUTCHFIELD of the House.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, which relates to the Ardmore Higher Education Program; authorizing the board of trustees to establish and maintain certain plans and benefits for its employees; authorizing the board of trustees to establish certain accounts with the State Treasurer; 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 3213, is amended to read
2 as follows:
3 Section 3213. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
4 educational program resources at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
5 Education available to the people in the Ardmore area. The State Regents shall draw
6 upon the educational programs of institutions best suited to provide the kind of
7 educational programs needed and shall, in pursuance of Article XIII-A of the
8 Constitution of Oklahoma and appropriate statutes, set the standards of education as
9 they relate to the programs operated to assure that credits earned by students will be
10 fully accepted at institutions of higher education to which the students may transfer the

1 credit to apply toward an educational study objective. The State Regents may establish
2 appropriate funds and accounts, including a revolving fund, in the Office of State Finance
3 for servicing the fiscal operations of the Ardmore Higher Education Program. Such
4 funds and accounts shall be subject to the direct supervision, management, and control of
5 the board of trustees created by subsection B of this section. The people locally shall
6 provide suitable physical plant accommodations for the program.

7 B. There is hereby created a board of ten (10) trustees to be appointed by the
8 Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to serve as the administrative agency for
9 the Ardmore Higher Education Program. Such board shall be a body corporate and shall
10 adopt and use an official seal. The board so created shall have the authority to submit a
11 budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, administer
12 monies budgeted by the State Regents, negotiate agreements with institutions for
13 courses and programs of study approved by the State Regents, provide educational
14 facilities, recommend courses and programs to be offered by participating institutions,
15 select a chief executive officer whose duties include the general coordination of approved
16 programs and services and the selection of other appropriate nonteaching personnel. The
17 board of trustees is authorized to expend all monies allocated to the Ardmore Higher
18 Education Program as may be necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities
19 imposed upon the board by this section. For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real
20 and personal property from sources other than state appropriations, the board is
21 authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules and regulations pertaining to such
22 actions. The initial nine (9) members shall serve their terms for the period to which

1 originally appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration identical to the
2 dates of expiration of the original appointments:

3 Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
4 June, 1986, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

5 Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
6 June, 1987, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

7 Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
8 June, 1988, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

9 Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
10 June, 1989, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

11 Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
12 June, 1990, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

13 Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
14 June, 1991, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

15 Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
16 June, 1992, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

17 Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
18 June, 1993, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

19 Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire on the 30th day of
20 June, 1994, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

21 The tenth member shall be appointed to Position No. 10, the term of office of which
22 shall expire on the 30th day of June, 1996, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

1 The board shall organize and elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary annually.

2 C. The board of trustees may establish and maintain plans for tenure and
3 retirement of its employees and for payment of deferred compensation of such employees
4 and may provide hospital and medical benefits, accident, health and life insurance and
5 annuity contracts for such employees and pay for all or part of the cost thereof with funds
6 available for payment of its operating expenses.

7 D. The board may establish with the State Treasurer such accounts as are
8 necessary to operate retirement, deferred compensation or benefits plans for its
9 employees. Such accounts shall be revolving funds not subject to fiscal year limitations.
10 Funds deposited in such accounts may be invested in any of the types of instruments in
11 which the State Treasurer is authorized by law to invest.

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

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
17 dated 04-07-09 - DO PASS.