

SB 290

THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 12, 2009

Senate Bill No. 290
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 290 - By: Corn of the Senate and Sears of the House.

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

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

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

B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare
promotional materials explaining the requirements, features, and
opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the

1 independent school districts distribute the materials to each
2 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

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

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

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

22 E. School districts shall provide academic credit on the
23 student's transcript for courses that are correlated to the

1 concurrently enrolled course and academic credit granted to the
2 student by the institution of higher education. Such credit shall
3 not be transcribed as only elective credit unless there is no
4 correlation with any course provided by the school district.
5 Provided, college freshman-level English grammar and composition
6 courses shall be correlated with high school senior-level English
7 courses and be transcribed as such.

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-9-09 - DO PASS,
14 As Amended and Coauthored.