

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 415

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; transferring
8 governance, supervision, management and control of
9 the Ardmore Higher Education Program from the Board
10 of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program
11 to the Regional University System of Oklahoma;
12 transferring all interests and obligations of the
13 Board of Trustees and the Ardmore Higher Education
14 Program; requiring assumption of obligations for
15 tenure and retirement by the Regional University
16 System of Oklahoma; requiring certain facilities to
17 serve as branch campus in Ardmore; authorizing
18 Regional University System of Oklahoma to provide
19 resources to branch campus for certain purpose;
20 requiring Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
21 to make college credit courses and programs available
22 to people of Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma; requiring
23 establishment of branch campus at Ardmore; providing
24 for governance of Ardmore branch campus by Regional
University System of Oklahoma; directing State
Regents to make certain determination; providing for
lower division courses and programs to be offered by
Murray State College with right to defer to certain
institution; prohibiting duplication of certain
courses and programs; establishing certain advisory
board; providing for membership; stating duties;
repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, which relates
to the Ardmore Higher Education Program; providing
for codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3515.1 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The governance, supervision, management and control of the
5 Ardmore Higher Education Program is hereby transferred from the
6 Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program to the
7 Regional University System of Oklahoma, and all interests in real
8 property, facilities, equipment and appurtenances, state-
9 appropriated monies and all duties, obligations and liabilities of
10 the Ardmore Higher Education Program and any and all obligations of
11 the Board of Trustees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program for
12 and on behalf of the Ardmore Higher Education Program are hereby
13 transferred to the Regional University System of Oklahoma.
14 Obligations for any and all plans for tenure or retirement of
15 employees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program, either through
16 the Ardmore Higher Education Program or the Board of Trustees for
17 the Ardmore Higher Education Program, shall be assumed by the
18 Regional University System of Oklahoma.

19 B. The facilities of the Ardmore Higher Education Program shall
20 serve as a branch campus in Ardmore. The Regional University System
21 of Oklahoma may provide resources to the branch campus in Ardmore to
22 maintain its facilities in accordance with its function and mission
23 as provided by law.

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1 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
2 undergraduate and graduate college credit courses and programs
3 available to the people of Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma. The
4 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide courses
5 and programs through a branch campus, which shall be established and
6 located in Ardmore. The branch campus at Ardmore shall be governed
7 by the Regional University System of Oklahoma. The State Regents
8 shall determine which institution of higher education under the
9 governance of the Regional University System of Oklahoma shall
10 administer the branch campus at Ardmore.

11 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer
12 to the institution selected by the State Regents pursuant to
13 subsection C of this section for the offering of all lower division
14 courses and programs at the branch campus at Ardmore. Lower
15 division courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level
16 shall not duplicate those offered by Murray State College at the
17 branch campus at Ardmore.

18 E. The members serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore
19 Higher Education Program established pursuant to Section 3213 of
20 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes on the effective date of this act
21 shall serve as an advisory board to the president of the institution
22 selected by the State Regents pursuant to subsection C of this
23 section. The advisory board shall advise the president on strategic
24 directions for the branch campus at Ardmore, including academic

1 programming, student services, community relations, and
2 institutional advancement. The advisory board, in coordination with
3 the president, shall establish bylaws and membership of the advisory
4 board.

5 SECTION 2. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, is
6 hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

8 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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