

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
3 BILL NO. 1227

By: Ownbey and Roan of the  
House

4 and

5 Simpson of the Senate

6  
7 An Act relating to higher education; establishing the  
8 official name of the education program located in  
9 Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the University Center of  
10 Southern Oklahoma; stating the effect of the name  
11 change; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, as  
12 amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2009 (70  
13 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 3213), which relates to the  
14 Ardmore Higher Education Program; amending Section  
15 12, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 2005, as last amended by  
16 Section 6, Chapter 54, O.S.L. 2008 (70 O.S. Supp.  
17 2010, Section 3980.12), which relates to loans and  
18 issuance of obligation by the Oklahoma Capitol  
Improvement Authority; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section  
4427, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 402, O.S.L.  
2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 4427), which  
relates to the McCurtain County Higher Education  
Program; updating statutory language; changing the  
name of the Ardmore Higher Education Program;  
amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 57.303, which relates  
to Oklahoma Building Bonds of 1992; changing the name  
of the Ardmore Higher Education Program; providing  
for codification; providing an effective date; and  
declaring an emergency.

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20 AUTHORS: Add the following House Coauthors: Hardin, Roberts  
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22 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and  
23 entire bill and insert

24 "An Act relating to higher education; transferring  
governance, supervision, management and control of

1 the Ardmore Higher Education Program from the Board  
2 of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program  
3 to the Regional University System of Oklahoma;  
4 transferring all interests and obligations of the  
5 Board of Trustees and the Ardmore Higher Education  
6 Program; requiring assumption of obligations for  
7 tenure and retirement by the Regional University  
8 System of Oklahoma; requiring certain facilities to  
9 serve as branch campus in Ardmore of Southeastern  
10 Oklahoma State University; authorizing Regional  
11 University System of Oklahoma to provide resources to  
12 branch campus for certain purpose; requiring Oklahoma  
13 State Regents for Higher Education to make college  
14 credit courses and programs available to people of  
15 Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma; requiring  
16 establishment of branch campus of Southeastern  
17 Oklahoma State University at Ardmore; providing for  
18 governance of Ardmore branch campus by Regional  
19 University System of Oklahoma; providing for lower  
20 division courses and programs to be offered by Murray  
21 State College with right to defer to Southeastern  
22 Oklahoma State University; establishing certain  
23 advisory board; providing for membership; stating  
24 duties; prohibiting duplication of certain courses  
and programs; providing for the continued  
relationship between certain institutions of higher  
education; providing Murray State College exclusive  
authority to offer certain courses; providing for a  
transition period; allowing East Central University  
to offer such courses as are mutually agreed to;  
providing that Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
shall be one of four educational providers; providing  
that no additional appropriations be used for certain  
purposes; repealing 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2009 (70  
O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 3213), which relates to the  
Ardmore Higher Education Program; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

22       C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make  
23 undergraduate and graduate college credit courses and programs  
24 available to the people of Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma. The

1 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide courses  
2 and programs through a branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State  
3 University, which shall be established and located in Ardmore. The  
4 branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore  
5 shall be governed by the Regional University System of Oklahoma and  
6 administered through Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

7 D. Murray State College shall have the exclusive authority to  
8 offer all lower division courses and programs at the branch campus  
9 of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore.

10 E. The members serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore  
11 Higher Education Program established pursuant to Section 3213 of  
12 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes on the effective date of this act  
13 shall serve as an advisory board to the president of Southeastern  
14 Oklahoma State University. The advisory board shall advise the  
15 president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University on strategic  
16 directions for the branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State  
17 University at Ardmore, including academic programming, student  
18 services, community relations, and institutional advancement. The  
19 advisory board, in coordination with the president of Southeastern  
20 Oklahoma State University, shall establish bylaws and membership of  
21 the advisory board.

22 F. Courses offered at Southeastern Oklahoma State University at  
23 Ardmore shall not duplicate nursing program courses offered at East  
24 Central University campus at Ardmore.

1 G. The consolidation of Ardmore Higher Education Center and  
2 Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall protect the continuing  
3 and historic relationship which exists between Ardmore Higher  
4 Education Center, Murray State College, East Central University and  
5 Oklahoma State University at Oklahoma City. Murray State College  
6 shall have the exclusive authority to offer all lower division level  
7 classes and programs at the branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma  
8 State University at Ardmore. There shall be a transition period  
9 beginning on the effective date of this act and ending on September  
10 1, 2014, during which East Central University shall be allowed to  
11 continue its historic course and program offerings. After September  
12 1, 2014, East Central University may offer programs and courses at  
13 the Ardmore Center which East Central University and Southeastern  
14 Oklahoma State University mutually agree are in the best interest of  
15 the community. Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall assume  
16 management of Ardmore Higher Education Center and shall be one of  
17 four educational providers at the Ardmore Center, which shall  
18 include Murray State College, East Central University, Southeastern  
19 Oklahoma State University, and Oklahoma State University at Oklahoma  
20 City.

21 H. No additional appropriated dollars shall be used in the  
22 consolidation of the Ardmore Higher Education Center into  
23 Southeastern Oklahoma State University, nor shall appropriated  
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