

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 1227

By: Ownbey and Roan of the
House

6 and

7 Simpson of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 [higher education - transferring Ardmore Higher
11 Education Program to Southeastern Oklahoma State
12 University - codification - effective date]

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

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

18 A. The governance, supervision, management and control of the
19 Ardmore Higher Education Program is hereby transferred from the
20 Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program to the
21 Regional University System of Oklahoma, and all interests in real
22 property, facilities, equipment and appurtenances, state-
23 appropriated monies and all duties, obligations and liabilities of
24 the Ardmore Higher Education Program and any and all obligations of

1 the Board of Trustees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program for
2 and on behalf of the Ardmore Higher Education Program are
3 transferred to the Regional University System of Oklahoma.
4 Obligations for any and all plans for tenure or retirement of
5 employees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program, either through
6 the Ardmore Higher Education Program or the Board of Trustees for
7 the Ardmore Higher Education Program, shall be assumed by the
8 Regional University System of Oklahoma.

9 B. The facilities of the Ardmore Higher Education Program shall
10 serve as the branch campus in Ardmore of Southeastern Oklahoma State
11 University. The Regional University System of Oklahoma may provide
12 resources to the branch campus in Ardmore of Southeastern Oklahoma
13 State University to maintain its facilities in accordance with its
14 function and mission as provided by law.

15 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
16 undergraduate and graduate college credit courses and programs
17 available to the people of Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma. The
18 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide courses
19 and programs through a branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State
20 University, which shall be established and located in Ardmore. The
21 branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore
22 shall be governed by the Regional University System of Oklahoma and
23 administered through Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

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1 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer
2 to Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the offering of all
3 lower division courses and programs at the branch campus of
4 Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore. Lower division
5 courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level at the
6 branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore
7 shall not duplicate those offered by Murray State College.

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

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

23 G. The consolidation of Ardmore Higher Education Center and
24 Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall protect the continuing

1 and historic relationships which exist between Ardmore Higher
2 Education Center, Murray State College, and East Central University.
3 Each institution shall be allowed to continue its historic course
4 and program offerings. Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall
5 assume management of Ardmore Higher Education Center and shall be
6 one of three educational providers at the Center. East Central
7 University may offer additional courses which Southeastern Oklahoma
8 State University and East Central University mutually agree are in
9 the best interest of the community.

10 H. Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall assume all the
11 duties and powers provided for in this act by July 1, 2014.

12 SECTION 2. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, as
13 amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2010,
14 Section 3213) is hereby repealed.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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