

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1111

By: Fields of the Senate

and

Denney of the House

3
4
5
6
7 An Act relating to higher education; directing the
8 State Regents for Higher Education to make certain
9 programs available to people of Ponca City;
10 designating the certain program as the University
11 Center at Ponca City; directing Regents to provide
12 appropriate programs; directing Regents to set
13 standards; requiring certain earned credits be
14 transferrable; allowing Regents to establish certain
15 funds in Office of State Finance; providing for
16 supervision of funds; providing oversight to be
17 provided by a board of trustees; requiring people of
18 Ponca City to provide certain facilities; creating a
19 board of trustees; directing the Governor to appoint
20 members with advice and consent of Senate; declaring
21 board a body corporate; allowing board to submit a
22 budget to the Regents; providing certain duties of
23 the board; authorizing board to spend certain monies;
24 providing for the terms of appointment; providing for
the election of certain officers; allowing board to
establish certain plans for tenure and retirement of
employees; allowing board to establish certain
accounts necessary to operate certain plans;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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 3216.1 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
2 educational program resources at institutions in the Oklahoma State
3 System of Higher Education available to the people of the Ponca City
4 area. This program shall be known as the University Center at Ponca
5 City. The State Regents for Higher Education shall draw upon the
6 educational programs of institutions best suited to provide
7 appropriate educational programs and shall, pursuant to Article X-
8 IIIA of the Oklahoma State Constitution and the Oklahoma State
9 Statutes, set the standards of education as they relate to the
10 programs operated to ensure that credits earned by students can be
11 transferred and will be accepted and applied to a course of study at
12 institutions of higher education within the state of Oklahoma.
13 Northern Oklahoma College shall have the exclusive authority to
14 offer all lower division courses and programs at the University
15 Center at Ponca City as listed in the college catalog of Northern
16 Oklahoma College. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
17 may establish appropriate funds and accounts, including a revolving
18 fund, in the Office of State Finance for servicing the fiscal
19 operations of the University Center at Ponca City. The funds and
20 accounts shall be subject to the direct supervision, management, and
21 control of the board of trustees created in subsection B of this
22 section. The people of the Ponca City area shall provide suitable
23 physical plant accommodations for the University Center at Ponca
24 City.

1 B. There is hereby created a board of nine (9) trustees to be
2 appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to
3 serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at
4 Ponca City. The board shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and
5 use an official seal. The board shall have the authority to submit
6 a budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
7 Education, administer monies budgeted by the State Regents,
8 negotiate agreements with institutions for courses and programs of
9 study approved by the State Regents, provide educational facilities,
10 recommend courses and programs to be offered by participating
11 institutions, select a chief executive officer whose duties include
12 the general coordination of approved programs and services and the
13 selection of other appropriate nonteaching personnel. The board of
14 trustees is authorized to expend all monies allocated to the
15 University Center at Ponca City as may be necessary to perform the
16 duties and responsibilities imposed upon the board by this section.
17 For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real and personal
18 property from sources other than state appropriations, the board is
19 authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules and
20 regulations pertaining to such actions. The initial nine (9)
21 members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally
22 appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration
23 identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:
24

1 Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire
2 on the 30th day of June, 2013, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

3 Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire
4 on the 30th day of June, 2014, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

5 Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire
6 on the 30th day of June, 2015, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

7 Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire
8 on the 30th day of June, 2016, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

9 Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire
10 on the 30th day of June, 2017, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

11 Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire
12 on the 30th day of June, 2018, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

13 Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire
14 on the 30th day of June, 2019, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

15 Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire
16 on the 30th day of June, 2020, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

17 Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire
18 on the 30th day of June, 2021, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

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

21 C. The board of trustees may establish and maintain plans for
22 tenure and retirement of its employees and for payment of deferred
23 compensation of such employees and may provide hospital and medical
24 benefits, accident, health and life insurance and annuity contracts

1 for such employees and pay for all or part of the cost thereof with
2 funds available for payment of its operating expenses.

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

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

15 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2012.

16
17 _____
18 Presiding Officer of the Senate

19 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
20 2012.

21
22 _____
23 Presiding Officer of the House
24 of Representatives