

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2443

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing the
8 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to make
9 educational resources available in Ponca City; naming
10 the program the University Center at Ponca City;
11 requiring the State Regents to set educational
12 programs and standards; providing for establishment
13 of funds and accounts; requiring physical plant to be
14 provided locally; creating a board of trustees;
15 stating authority of the board; providing for
16 membership; providing for election of officers;
17 authorizing the board to provide and pay the costs of
18 certain employee benefits; authorizing the board to
19 establish accounts with the State Treasurer; making
20 accounts revolving funds; providing for investment of
21 funds; providing for codification; providing an
22 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3213.1 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
educational program resources at institutions in The Oklahoma State
System of Higher Education available to the people in the Ponca City
area. This program shall be known as the University Center at Ponca

1 City. The State Regents shall draw upon the educational programs of
2 institutions best suited to provide the kind of educational programs
3 needed and shall, in pursuance of Article XIII-A of the Constitution
4 of Oklahoma and appropriate statutes, set the standards of education
5 as they relate to the programs operated to assure that credits
6 earned by students will be fully accepted at institutions of higher
7 education to which the students may transfer the credit to apply
8 toward an educational study objective. The State Regents may
9 establish appropriate funds and accounts, including a revolving
10 fund, in the Office of State Finance for servicing the fiscal
11 operations of the University Center at Ponca City. Such funds and
12 accounts shall be subject to the direct supervision, management, and
13 control of the board of trustees created by subsection B of this
14 section. The people locally shall provide suitable physical plant
15 accommodations for the University Center at Ponca City.

16 B. There is hereby created a board of nine (9) trustees to be
17 appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to
18 serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at
19 Ponca City. The board shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and
20 use an official seal. The board so created shall have the authority
21 to submit a budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
22 Education, administer monies budgeted by the State Regents, provide
23 educational facilities, recommend courses and programs to be offered
24 by participating institutions, select a chief executive officer

1 whose duties include the general coordination of approved programs
2 and services and the selection of other appropriate nonteaching
3 personnel. The board of trustees is authorized to expend all monies
4 allocated to the University Center at Ponca City as may be necessary
5 to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the board by
6 this section. For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real
7 and personal property from sources other than state appropriations,
8 the board is authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules
9 and regulations pertaining to such actions. The initial nine (9)
10 members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally
11 appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration
12 identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:

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

15 Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire
16 on June 30, 2014, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

17 Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire
18 on June 30, 2015, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

19 Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire
20 on June 30, 2016, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

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

23 Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire
24 on June 30, 2018, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

1 Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire
2 on June 30, 2019, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

3 Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire
4 on June 30, 2020, and each nine (9) years thereafter; and

5 Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire
6 on June 30, 2021, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

7 The board shall organize and elect a chair, vice-chair and
8 secretary annually.

9 C. The board of trustees may establish and maintain plans for
10 tenure and retirement of its employees and for payment of deferred
11 compensation of such employees and may provide hospital and medical
12 benefits, accident, health and life insurance and annuity contracts
13 for such employees and pay for all or part of the cost thereof with
14 funds available for payment of its operating expenses.

15 D. The board may establish with the State Treasurer such
16 accounts as are necessary to operate retirement, deferred
17 compensation or benefits plans for its employees. Such accounts
18 shall be revolving funds not subject to fiscal year limitations.
19 Funds deposited in such accounts may be invested in any of the types
20 of instruments in which the State Treasurer is authorized by law to
21 invest.

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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