STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

SENATE BILL 1113 By: Crain

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Langston University; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4667, which relates to Langston University campus in Tulsa; eliminating the requirement to establish certain branch campus; allowing Langston University to establish a branch campus in Tulsa at the Board of Trustees discretion; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4667, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4667. ~~On July 1, 2001, there shall be established~~ The Langston University Board of Trustees may establish a branch of Langston University within the Tulsa metropolitan area consistent with the statewide plan for Langston University as provided in Section ~~6 of this act~~ 4666 of this title. Langston University ~~shall~~ may continue to meet the missions and programs of the Langston Urban Center in Tulsa. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to make upper division undergraduate and graduate course offerings at the Langston University Branch in Tulsa

available as the State Regents shall determine are appropriate. Undergraduate degree programs offered through Oklahoma State University/Tulsa shall not duplicate those undergraduate degree programs offered by Langston University Branch in Tulsa, as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and shall be consistent with and in furthering implementation of the statewide plan for Langston University as developed by the State Regents pursuant to Section ~~6 of this act~~ 4666 of this title and filed with the Office for Civil Rights, United States Department of Education.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall fund Langston University at a level not less than its fiscal year 1998 level, and its Education and General Budget shall be held harmless from reductions in succeeding years. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall allocate funds to Langston University sufficient to fund full time faculty in Tulsa at a level equal to seventy percent (70%) of its faculty level that existed in Tulsa in fiscal year 1998 and adequate building and classroom space which were funded in fiscal year 1998 in order to carry out all functions in Tulsa. The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall allocate space for Langston University in Tulsa.

It is the intent of the Legislature that Langston University be funded at a level consistent with the average allocation and

allotment of the institutions in the regional funding tier as established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Beginning with the 2001 - 2002 academic year, degrees earned at Langston University Branch in Tulsa shall be designated as awarded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education acting through Langston University.

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

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

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