

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1526

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing the
8 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to
9 promulgate certain rules; providing that the hiring
10 for the position of president at certain institutions
11 be uniform; requiring a process to inform public of
12 certain criteria; providing for public notice of
13 certain candidates; ensuring certain stakeholders
14 have opportunity to provide comment; providing for
15 codification; providing effective date; and declaring
16 an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3204.1 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
22 promulgate rules establishing a uniform process for filling a
23 vacancy for the position of president at public institutions of
24 higher education. The process shall include but is not limited to:

1. Informing the public of the criteria used in filling a
vacancy in the office of the president;

1 2. Notifying the public of the candidates who meet the
2 established criteria and are considered by the board to be finalists
3 to fill the vacancy; and

4 3. Ensuring that faculty, staff and students of an institution
5 of higher education have an opportunity at a meeting open to the
6 public to provide comment and submit questions concerning candidates
7 for the office of the president prior to the filling of any vacancy.

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

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

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