



1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3248 of Title 70, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. An institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
5 Education shall grant a leave of absence to a student who is a  
6 member of the active uniformed military services of the United  
7 States and is called to active duty. The student shall be eligible  
8 to:

9 1. Withdraw from and receive a refund for any or all classes  
10 for the period of active duty service without penalty to admission  
11 status or grade point average and without loss of institutional  
12 financial aid; or

13 2. Receive an incomplete grade for any or all classes for the  
14 period of active duty status; provided, however, that the student  
15 has completed a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all class work  
16 prior to being called to active duty and the student completes all  
17 classes upon return from active duty. The student's admission  
18 status and grade point average shall not be penalized, and the  
19 student shall experience no loss of institutional financial aid.

20 B. The leave of absence granted pursuant to subsection A of  
21 this section shall not exceed a cumulative five (5) years.

22 C. If an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
23 Education fails to comply with the provisions of this act, the  
24 student may bring an action in district court for actual and

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 compensatory damages for noncompliance and may be granted such  
2 relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

4 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERTECH,  
10 dated 03/26/2014 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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