

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2014

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1830

By: Brooks of the Senate

and

Banz and Bennett of the
House

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8 **[higher education - Oklahoma Student Veteran Leave**
9 **of Absence Act of 2014 - active duty -**
10 **noncodification - codification - effective date -**
11 **emergency]**

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
14 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

15 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
16 Student Veteran Leave of Absence Act of 2014".

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

20 A. An institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
21 Education shall grant a leave of absence to a student who is a
22 member of the active uniformed military services of the United
23 States and is called to active duty. The student shall be eligible
24 to:

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

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

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

14 C. If an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
15 Education fails to comply with the provisions of this act, the
16 student may bring an action in district court for actual and
17 compensatory damages for noncompliance and may be granted such
18 relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

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

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

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
February 26, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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