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3 SENATE BILL 1265

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 3404.3, which relates to the Cameron  
University branch campus; removing language regarding  
9 the offering of certain courses and programs;  
removing reference to establishment of branch in  
10 certain location; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section  
3405.1, which relates to Connors State College branch  
11 campuses; removing language regarding the offering of  
certain courses and programs; removing reference to  
12 establishment of branch in certain location; amending  
70 O.S. 2011, Section 3511.1, which relates to  
Eastern Oklahoma State College branch campus;  
13 removing reference to establishment of branch campus  
in certain location; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section  
14 3514.1, which relates to Southeastern Oklahoma State  
University branch campus; removing reference to  
15 branch campus in certain location; amending 70 O.S.  
2011, Section 3517.1, which relates to Northwestern  
16 Oklahoma State University branch campus; removing  
language regarding the offering of certain courses  
17 and programs; removing reference to establishment of  
branch in certain location; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
18 Section 3517.2, which relates to Northwestern  
Oklahoma State University branch campus; removing  
19 reference to certain location of branch campus;  
amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3707, which relates to  
20 Northern Oklahoma College; removing language  
regarding the offering of certain courses and  
21 programs; removing reference to certain location of  
branch campus; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section  
22 4423.1A, which relates to Carl Albert State College;  
removing language regarding the offering of certain  
23 courses and programs; removing reference to certain  
location of branch campus; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
24 Section 4425, which relates to McCurtain County

1 Higher Education Program; removing reference to  
2 certain location of campus; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
3 Section 4427, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 252,  
4 O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 4427), which  
5 relates to the McCurtain County Higher Education  
6 Program Board of Trustees; removing reference to  
7 certain location of campus; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 4428, which relates to Southwestern Oklahoma  
9 State University; removing reference to certain  
10 location of branch campus; providing an effective  
11 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3404.3, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 3404.3. ~~A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs  
available to the people of Duncan.~~

~~B.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make  
lower and upper division classes and programs and graduate classes  
at the Masters level available through a branch of Cameron  
University, ~~which shall be established and located in Duncan.~~ The  
branch campus of Cameron University shall be governed by the Board  
of Regents for the University of Oklahoma and administered through  
Cameron University. ~~The Duncan Economic Development Trust Authority  
shall provide suitable existing facilities to accommodate the branch  
at Duncan.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may  
provide resources to Cameron University to maintain and operate the

1 branch campus ~~in Duncan~~ in accordance with its function and mission  
2 as provided by law.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3405.1, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 3405.1. A. ~~The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
6 Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs  
7 available to the people of Muskogee.~~

8 ~~B.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
9 provide lower division classes and programs through a branch of  
10 Connors State College, ~~which shall be established and located in  
11 Muskogee.~~ The branch campus of Connors State College shall be  
12 governed by the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and  
13 Mechanical Colleges and administered through Connors State College.

14 ~~C.~~B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
15 provide upper division classes and programs and graduate classes at  
16 the Masters level through a branch of Northeastern State University,  
17 ~~which shall be established and located at Muskogee.~~ The branch  
18 campus of Northeastern State University shall be governed by the  
19 Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and administered through  
20 Northeastern State University.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3511.1, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3511.1. ~~A.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
2 Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs  
3 available to the people of McAlester.

4 ~~B.~~ The State Regents for Higher Education shall provide classes  
5 and programs through a branch of Eastern Oklahoma State College,  
6 which shall be established and located in McAlester. The branch at  
7 McAlester of Eastern Oklahoma State College shall be governed by the  
8 Board of Regents of Eastern Oklahoma State College and administered  
9 through Eastern Oklahoma State College. The Board of Regents of  
10 Eastern Oklahoma State College may provide resources to the branch  
11 campus of Eastern Oklahoma State College to maintain its facilities  
12 in accordance with its function and mission as provided by law. The  
13 people locally shall provide suitable physical plant accommodations  
14 for the branch at McAlester.

15 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3514.1, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 3514.1. A. The governance, supervision, management and  
18 control of the McCurtain County Higher Education Program is hereby  
19 transferred from the Board of Trustees for the McCurtain County  
20 Higher Education Program to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma  
21 Colleges, and all interests in real property, facilities, equipment  
22 and appurtenances, state-appropriated monies and all duties,  
23 obligations and liabilities of the McCurtain County Higher Education  
24 Program and any and all obligations of the Board of Trustees of the

1 McCurtain County Higher Education Program for and on behalf of the  
2 McCurtain County Higher Education Program are transferred to the  
3 Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges. Obligations for any and all  
4 plans for tenure or retirement of employees of the McCurtain County  
5 Higher Education Program, either through the McCurtain County Higher  
6 Education Program, or the Board of Trustees for the McCurtain County  
7 Higher Education Program shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of  
8 Oklahoma Colleges.

9 B. The facilities of the McCurtain County Higher Education  
10 Program shall serve as the branch campus ~~in McCurtain County~~ of  
11 Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The Board of Regents of  
12 Oklahoma Colleges may provide resources to the branch campus ~~in~~  
13 ~~McCurtain County~~ of Southeastern Oklahoma State University to  
14 maintain its facilities in accordance with its function and mission  
15 as provided by law.

16 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3517.1, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 3517.1. ~~A.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
19 Education ~~shall make resident college credit courses and programs~~  
20 ~~available to the people of Woodward.~~

21 ~~B. The State Regents for Higher Education~~ shall provide classes  
22 and programs through a campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State  
23 University, ~~which shall be established and located in Woodward.~~ The  
24 campus ~~at Woodward~~ of Northwestern Oklahoma State University shall

1 be governed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and  
2 administered through Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The  
3 Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges may provide resources to the  
4 branch campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University to maintain  
5 its facilities in accordance with its function and mission as  
6 provided by law.

7 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3517.2, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 3517.2. A. The governance, supervision, management and  
10 control of the Enid Higher Education Program is hereby transferred  
11 from the Board of Trustees for the Enid Higher Education Program to  
12 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, and all interests in real  
13 property, facilities, equipment and appurtenances, state-  
14 appropriated monies and all duties, obligations and liabilities of  
15 the Enid Higher Education Program and any and all obligations of the  
16 Board of Trustees of the Enid Higher Education Program for and on  
17 behalf of the Enid Higher Education Program are hereby transferred  
18 to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges. Obligations for any  
19 and all plans for tenure or retirement of employees of the Enid  
20 Higher Education Program, either through the Enid Higher Education  
21 Program or the Board of Trustees for the Enid Higher Education  
22 Program, shall be assumed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma  
23 Colleges.  
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1 B. The Enid Higher Education Program shall serve as ~~the Enid a~~  
2 branch campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. The Board  
3 of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges may provide resources to the ~~Enid~~  
4 branch campus of Northwestern Oklahoma State University to maintain  
5 its facilities in accordance with its function and mission as  
6 provided by law.

7 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3707, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 3707. ~~A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher~~  
10 ~~Education shall make resident college credit courses and programs~~  
11 ~~available to the people of Enid.~~

12 ~~B.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
13 provide courses and programs through a branch campus of Northern  
14 Oklahoma College, ~~which shall be established and located in Enid.~~  
15 The branch campus of Northern Oklahoma College ~~at Enid~~ shall be  
16 governed by the Board of Regents of Northern Oklahoma College and  
17 administered through Northern Oklahoma College. The Board of  
18 Regents of Northern Oklahoma College may provide resources to the  
19 branch campus of Northern Oklahoma College ~~at Enid~~ to maintain its  
20 facilities in accordance with its function and mission as provided  
21 by law.

22 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4423.1A, is  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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1 Section 4423.1A. ~~A.~~ The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
2 Education ~~shall make resident college credit courses and programs~~  
3 ~~available to the people of Sallisaw.~~

4 ~~B.~~ ~~The State Regents for Higher Education~~ shall provide classes  
5 and programs through a branch of Carl Albert State College, ~~which~~  
6 ~~shall be established and located in Sallisaw.~~ The branch campus of  
7 Carl Albert State College shall be governed by the Board of Regents  
8 of Carl Albert State College and administered through Carl Albert  
9 State College. The Board of Regents of Carl Albert State College  
10 may provide resources to the branch campus of Carl Albert State  
11 College to maintain its facilities in accordance with its function  
12 and mission as provided by law. The people locally shall provide  
13 suitable physical plant accommodations for the branch campus.

14 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4425, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4425. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
17 Education are authorized to accept from McCurtain County the  
18 property used for accommodating the McCurtain County Higher  
19 Education Program located near Idabel and known as the E. T. Dunlap  
20 Higher Education Center, including the land, buildings, equipment  
21 and other appurtenances. The facility shall be accepted on behalf  
22 of the State of Oklahoma and it together with the higher education  
23 program operated therein shall become an integral part of The  
24 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and shall continue to be

1 maintained and operated for the purpose and in the same manner as at  
2 present.

3 B. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges are authorized to  
4 accept from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education all  
5 property acquired by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
6 pursuant to subsection A of this section. The property shall be  
7 used as part of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University branch  
8 campus ~~in McCurtain County.~~

9 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4427, as  
10 amended by Section 4, Chapter 252, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
11 Section 4427), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 4427. A. Until the effective date of this act, there  
13 is hereby created a board of nine (9) trustees to be appointed by  
14 the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to serve as the  
15 administrative agency for the McCurtain County Higher Education  
16 Program. The initial nine (9) members shall serve their terms for  
17 the period to which originally appointed, in numbered positions  
18 having dates of expiration identical to the dates of expiration of  
19 the original appointments:

20 Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire  
21 on the 30th day of June, 1986, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

22 Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire  
23 on the 30th day of June, 1987, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

1           Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire  
2 on the 30th day of June, 1988, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

3           Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire  
4 on the 30th day of June, 1989, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

5           Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire  
6 on the 30th day of June, 1990, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

7           Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire  
8 on the 30th day of June, 1991, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

9           Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire  
10 on the 30th day of June, 1992, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

11           Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire  
12 on the 30th day of June, 1993, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

13           Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire  
14 on the 30th day of June, 1994, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

15           The board so created shall have the same powers and duties as  
16 members of the board of trustees for the University Center of  
17 Southern Oklahoma. The board shall organize and elect a chair,  
18 vice-chair and secretary annually.

19           B. Beginning with the effective date of this act the board of  
20 trustees created by this section shall serve as an advisory board to  
21 the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and the President of  
22 Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the Southeastern Oklahoma  
23 State University branch campus ~~in McCurtain County~~. The advisory  
24 board shall make recommendations on courses and programs, student

1 services, student financial services, and services to the community  
2 to be furnished by the Southeastern Oklahoma State University branch  
3 campus ~~in McCurtain County.~~

4 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4428, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 4428. Sayre Junior College is hereby merged with  
7 Southwestern Oklahoma State University, which shall have  
8 administrative responsibility for the programs of higher education  
9 henceforth to be offered at ~~the Sayre~~ its branch campus.

10 SECTION 12. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

11 SECTION 13. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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