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February 20, 2017

SENATE BILL NO. 71

By: Daniels and Loveless of the
Senate

and

Sears of the House

An Act relating to higher education; directing the State Auditor and Inspector to perform a performance audit on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; requiring the audit to be performed during certain fiscal year; authorizing the State Auditor and Inspector to take custody of certain records; directing the State Auditor and Inspector to meet with the Chancellor of Higher Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to review certain report; requiring the report to include certain responses; directing filing of report; providing for posting of report on certain website; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3218.7-2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Auditor and Inspector shall perform an independent, comprehensive performance audit on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

1 B. The State Auditor and Inspector shall have the power to take
2 custody of any records necessary to the performance of the audit but
3 shall minimize actual physical removal of or denial of access to
4 such records.

5 C. At the conclusion of the audit, the State Auditor and
6 Inspector shall meet with the Chancellor of Higher Education and the
7 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to review the audit
8 report to be issued. The report, when issued, shall include any
9 responses to the audit which the Chancellor of Higher Education or
10 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education wish to have
11 included.

12 D. The State Auditor and Inspector shall file the report with
13 the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Oklahoma State Regents
15 for Higher Education shall post the completed report to its website.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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