

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 56

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to concurrent enrollment; amending 70  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, which relates to  
9 participation in concurrent enrollment; removing  
10 language related to awarding of academic credit for  
11 concurrently enrolled higher education courses;  
12 requiring school districts to offer no fewer than two  
13 concurrent enrollment courses to certain students for  
14 which academic credit shall be granted; providing an  
15 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 628.13. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
20 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall  
21 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or  
22 university courses of high school students of exceptional ability.  
23 The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent  
24 enrollment requirements and take all necessary actions to ensure the  
availability of concurrent enrollment opportunities.

1 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the  
2 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare  
3 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features, and  
4 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the  
5 independent school districts distribute the materials to each  
6 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

7 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
8 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise  
9 qualified high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)  
10 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,  
11 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any  
12 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the  
13 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

14 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility  
15 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive  
16 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a  
17 maximum of six (6) credit hours per semester.

18 2. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be  
19 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in  
20 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program  
21 and the number of eligible applicants. The Oklahoma State Regents  
22 for Higher Education shall establish an application process and  
23 criteria for prioritizing applicants on the basis of need,  
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1 timeliness of application, or other factors as determined by the  
2 State Regents.

3 E. ~~When a student earns college credit through concurrent~~  
4 ~~enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any~~  
5 ~~concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated~~  
6 ~~with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher~~  
7 ~~education~~ Each school district shall offer no fewer than two (2)  
8 concurrent enrollment courses to students in grade twelve for which  
9 academic credit shall be granted. Academic credit shall only be  
10 transcribed as elective credit if there is no correlation between  
11 the concurrent enrollment higher education course and a course  
12 provided by the school district.

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

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

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