

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2725

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; requiring each board of regents to adopt a housing policy prohibiting co-ed housing; defining term; providing an exception for certain students; allowing for co-ed housing buildings or halls under certain circumstances; providing for codification; 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 3249 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. After the effective date of this act, the board of regents for each institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall adopt a student housing policy that prohibits the establishment and offering of co-ed housing in dormitories, halls or any other type of student housing owned or operated by the institution or which is located on property owned by the institution. For purposes of this section, "co-ed housing" shall mean housing that integrates men and women on the same floor or in

1 the same room. Each housing policy may allow for co-ed rooms only
2 for married couples or for family members living together. Each
3 housing policy may allow for co-ed housing where men and women are
4 in the same building or hall, as long as men and women are not
5 housed on the same floor or in the same room and access between the
6 housing areas for men and women are controlled.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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