

BILL SUMMARY
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Potential overall costs savings for student	

Research Analysis

The introduced measure states it is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education adopt a policy for each institution within the higher education system that requires the acceptance of at least 40 credit hours of college courses approved by the American Council on Education (ACE) toward the award of a degree from each institution. It is also the intent of the Legislature that a policy be adopted by each institution that permits a provider which offers ACE approved college courses to request that such college credit be articulated as equivalent to particular credits offered by an institution in the higher education system. If an institution declines to do so, the provider of such courses may appeal to the Oklahoma Secretary of Education, whose decision will be final and binding upon both the institution and provider.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1702, as introduced, provides intent language for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt a policy for each state higher education institution to require the acceptance of no fewer than 40 credit hours of college courses approved by the American Council on Education.

Presuming that applicable courses are available and accepted, the costs vary by provider. A current pilot Alternative Credit Project under the American Council of Education does have a consortium of schools participating, but none in Oklahoma. No provider charges more than \$300 per course. Therefore, potentially the overall costs could be less for students than current cost per credit hour for tuition and fees, unless a course cost is higher than current combined tuition and fees.

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Other Considerations

None