

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 211

By: Newhouse

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An Act relating to higher education; creating a resident tuition waiver pilot program within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and the system of career technology districts for certain academic years; providing eligibility for certain veterans with certain disability rating; directing the amount of certain waiver to be reduced by the amount of certain aid received; prohibiting certain waiver recipient from receiving certain financial aid in excess of certain calculated cost of attendance; prohibiting the amount of certain waivers from exceeding certain amount per academic year; restricting certain waivers to certain time period; requiring submission of certain report by certain date; providing for contents of report; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 3231 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and the system of career technology districts overseen by the State Board of

1 Career and Technology Education, there is hereby created a resident
2 tuition waiver pilot program to be implemented beginning with the
3 2020-2021 academic year and ending with the 2024-2025 academic year.
4 During the pilot program, there shall be granted a tuition waiver to
5 residents of the state presenting proper certification from the
6 United States Veterans Administration or the Armed Forces of the
7 United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected
8 disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more.

9 B. The amount of resident tuition waiver granted pursuant to
10 subsection A of this section shall be reduced by the amount of other
11 federal or state grant aid the student receives.

12 C. A recipient of a resident tuition waiver granted pursuant to
13 subsection A of this section may not receive financial aid in excess
14 of his or her cost of attendance, as determined by the institution
15 of higher education or technology center school in which the student
16 is enrolled in accordance with regulations for federal student
17 financial aid programs.

18 D. Resident tuition waivers granted pursuant to subsection A of
19 this section shall not exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00)
20 per academic year and shall be distributed on a pro rata basis.

21 E. A resident tuition waiver granted pursuant to subsection A
22 of this section shall be limited to a period of five (5) years.

23 F. By December 31, 2025, the State Board of Career and
24 Technology Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher

1 Education shall submit to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
2 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor a
3 report on participation in the pilot program. The report shall
4 include:

5 1. The number of students who received tuition waivers pursuant
6 to this section;

7 2. The number of students who received tuition waivers and
8 received certification after completing a program offered at a
9 technology center school; and

10 3. The number of students who received tuition waivers and
11 received an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree or a graduate
12 degree from an institution within The Oklahoma State System of
13 Higher Education.

14 G. The State Regents for Higher Education and the State Board
15 of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate rules to
16 implement the provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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