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Bill Analysis

SB 1336 prohibits institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history on an initial application form or at any time during the admissions process. The measure exempts inquiries related to certain crimes, including stalking, rape, and sexual battery. If an institution denies admission based on a conviction for such a crime, the student may appeal the decision.

After the student is accepted for admission, the measure allows an institution to make inquiries related to criminal history to offer counseling and to make decisions related to the student's participation in campus life. Requires institutions conducting inquires to take into consideration certain factors, such as the age of the student and the time that has passed since the incident. The measure also allows institutions with a teacher preparation program to consider the criminal history of a student that has been admitted if his or her criminal history may prohibit issuance of a certificate to teach and allows certain institutions to consider criminal history if the information is provided as part of a national application service.

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