

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1091

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
8 2011, Section 628.13, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section
10 628.13), which relates to concurrent enrollment;
11 requiring that college credit earned through certain
12 courses be transferable to certain institutions;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, as
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019,
18 Section 628.13), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 628.13. A. 1. 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 eligible high school students on high school
23 campuses, on college and university campuses and via online courses.

24 2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course
readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability

1 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma
2 high schools.

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

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

16 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility
17 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive
18 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a
19 maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in their senior year.

20 2. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
21 program being fully funded, each high school junior who meets the
22 eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled
23 to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident
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1 tuition for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in their junior year,
2 subject to the availability of funds.

3 3. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be
4 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in
5 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program
6 and the number of eligible applicants.

7 E. 1. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
8 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
9 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
10 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
11 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
12 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
13 higher education course and a course provided by the school
14 district.

15 2. Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, college credit
16 earned for courses taken through concurrent enrollment and paid for
17 by a tuition waiver granted pursuant to subsection D of this section
18 shall be transferable to any institution within The Oklahoma State
19 System of Higher Education.

20 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
21 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
22 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
23 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
24 information:

1 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
2 enrollment;

3 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
4 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of
5 this section;

6 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in
7 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and

8 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of
9 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's
10 degree at an institution of higher education.

11 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
12 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
13 of Education.

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

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

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