

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 19, 2021

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB639

By: Pugh et al of the Senate and Baker and Dollens of the House

Title: Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program; requiring certain survey; requiring submission of certain report. Effective date.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:


1. That the House recede from all Amendments.
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.


Respectfully submitted,

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HOUSE CONFEREES:

Conference Committee on Higher Education and CareerTech

Senate Action _____ Date _____ House Action _____ Date _____

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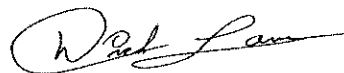
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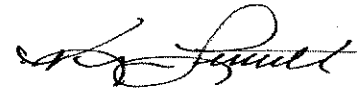


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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 639

By: Pugh, Stephens, Bullard and
Bergstrom of the Senate

6 and

7 Baker and Dollens of the
House

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10 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Higher Learning
12 Access Program; amending Section 1, Chapter 297,
13 O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2606), which
14 relates to return of awarded funds for certain
15 reason; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for
16 Higher Education to administer certain survey to
17 certain students; directing the State Regents to
18 submit certain report by certain date; providing
19 contents of report; providing for codification; and
20 providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 297, O.S.L.
24 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2606), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 2606. A. If a student withdraws from a class
in which he or she has received an award from the
Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, the awarded

funds shall be returned to the Oklahoma Higher

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Learning Access Program. The provisions of this

1 subsection shall only apply to awarded funds when a student
2 withdraws prior to the end of the add/drop period for the session in
3 which the student is enrolled.

4 B. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
5 administer a survey to students who receive an Oklahoma Higher
6 Learning Access Program award and who withdraw from an institution
7 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, a private
8 institution of higher learning located within this state and
9 accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of this title or a technology
10 center school before completing a degree or certificate program.
11 The survey shall gather information on the reasons for withdrawal,
12 the barriers to completion of a degree or certificate program and
13 the future plans of the students.

14 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
15 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2607 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 Beginning December 31, 2022, and each December 31 thereafter,
20 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the
21 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives an annual report on the impact of the Oklahoma
23 Higher Learning Access Program, also known as Oklahoma's Promise,
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1 created pursuant to Sections 2601 et seq. of Title 70 of the
2 Oklahoma Statutes. The report shall include:

3 A. 1. Year-to-year cohort retention and five-year graduation
4 rates of all students enrolled in institutions within The Oklahoma
5 State System of Higher Education compared to the year-to-year cohort
6 retention and five-year graduation rates of students who receive
7 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program awards who are enrolled in
8 institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.
9 The data shall include the degree programs in which the students are
10 enrolled.

11 2. Year-to-year cohort retention and five-year graduation rates
12 of students who receive Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program
13 awards who are enrolled in private institutions of higher learning
14 located within this state and accredited pursuant Section 4103 of
15 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The data shall include the
16 degree programs in which the students are enrolled.

17 3. Certificate attainment rates of all students enrolled in
18 technology center schools compared to the certificate attainment
19 rates of students who receive Oklahoma Higher Learning Access
20 Program awards who are enrolled in technology center schools. The
21 data shall include the career areas in which the students are
22 enrolled.

23 B. The financial impact and enrollment impact of the Oklahoma
24 Higher Learning Access Program on two-year and four-year

1 institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
2 private institutions of higher learning located within this state
3 and accredited pursuant Section 4103 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
4 Statutes and technology center schools.

5 C. Data on Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program participants
6 who graduate from an institution of higher education within The
7 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a private institution
8 of higher learning located within this state and accredited pursuant
9 Section 4103 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or who attain a
10 certificate from a technology center school, including:

11 1. The number of participants who are residents of the state
12 one year after graduation or certificate attainment; and

13 2. The industry or career area in which the participant is
14 employed.

15 D. Data from surveys completed pursuant to the provisions of
16 subsection B of Section 2606 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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