

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 4195

By: Echols and Nollan of the
House

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7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
8 2021, Section 628.13, which relates to concurrent
9 enrollment in high school and college or university
10 courses; modifying eligibility; creating a tuition
11 waiver for freshman and sophomore high school
12 students; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 628.13, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 628.13 A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
16 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall
17 ~~actively encourage~~ allow the concurrent enrollment in college or
18 university courses of eligible high school students in grades nine
19 through twelve who have been approved for concurrent enrollment by
20 their parent or legal guardian and school counselor, or their parent
21 or legal guardian for students receiving high-school-level
22 instruction at home, on high school campuses, on college and
23 university campuses and via online courses.
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1 2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
2 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course
3 readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability
4 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in grades nine
5 through twelve in all Oklahoma high schools.

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

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

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

23 2. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
24 program being fully funded, each high school junior who meets the

1 eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled
2 to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident
3 tuition for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in their junior year,
4 subject to the availability of funds.

5 3. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
6 program and the high school junior concurrent enrollment program
7 being fully funded, each high school freshman and sophomore who
8 meets the eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall
9 be entitled to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of
10 resident tuition for a maximum of six (6) credit hours in their
11 freshman year and a maximum of six (6) credit hours in their
12 sophomore year, subject to the availability of funds.

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

17 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
18 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
19 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
20 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
21 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
22 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
23 higher education course and a course provided by the school
24 district.

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

6 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
7 enrollment;

8 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
9 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of
10 this section;

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

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

16 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
17 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
18 of Education.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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