

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 614, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator Bullard

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☐ Untimely

☐ Amendment Cycle Extended

☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 614

By: Bullard and Bergstrom of
the Senate

and

West (Kevin) of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to higher education; affording certain rights to students enrolled in and attending institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; directing institutions to establish a Safe Campus Committee; providing for membership; providing method for reporting violations of certain rights; directing certain committee to create certain due process plan; requiring plan to include certain components; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 2129 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. A student enrolled in and attending an institution within
2 The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be afforded the
3 following rights:

4 1. The right to public and free expression of religion, speech
5 and peaceable assembly including but not limited to:

6 a. the right to participate in religious student
7 associations free from discrimination pursuant to the
8 provisions of Sections 2119 through 2119.4 of Title 70
9 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

10 b. the right to engage in expressive activity on campus
11 pursuant to the provisions of Section 2120 of Title 70
12 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and

13 c. the right to an unbiased education that does not
14 endorse, favor, promote, demean, show hostility toward
15 or intentionally undermine any particular religion,
16 nonreligious faith or religious perspective;

17 2. The right to an unbiased education that does not endorse,
18 favor or promote socialism, communism or Marxism and that is free
19 from anti-American bias; and

20 3. The right to an unbiased learning environment that is free
21 from the display of flags or propaganda of any organization or
22 symbol of socialism, communism, Marxism or anti-American sentiment.
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1 B. Each institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
2 Education shall establish a Safe Campus Committee to be composed of
3 seven (7) members. Each committee shall be composed of:

4 1. One student who is enrolled full time in the institution,
5 appointed by the institution president or his or her designee;

6 2. One member of the institution's administration, appointed by
7 the institution president or his or her designee;

8 3. One community representative who is not employed by the
9 institution, who does not serve on the governing board for the
10 institution and who has not donated to the institution, appointed by
11 the Governor;

12 4. Two community representatives who are not employed by the
13 institution, who are not serving on the governing board for the
14 institution and who have not donated to the institution, appointed
15 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

16 5. Two community representatives who are not employed by the
17 institution, who are not serving on the governing board for the
18 institution and who have not donated to the institution, appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

20 C. Students enrolled in an institution of higher education and
21 faculty employed by an institution of higher education may report
22 violations of the rights provided for in subsection A of this
23 section to the Safe Campus Committee. Reports may be made in a
24 manner that protects the identity of the accuser from retribution.

1 D. The Safe Campus Committee shall create a due process plan
2 for students and faculty to report an assignment or requirement that
3 is believed to violate the rights provided for in subsection A of
4 this section. The due process plan shall include, at a minimum, the
5 following:

6 1. Designation of a hotline or email address to submit reports
7 of violations of the rights provided for in subsection A of this
8 section;

9 2. Procedures for investigating and implementing punishment for
10 false accusations;

11 3. Procedures for reporting to law enforcement suspected
12 violations that may constitute criminal activity or reasonably have
13 the potential to endanger campus safety;

14 4. A requirement that reported violations be investigated by
15 the Safe Campus Committee in a timely manner and that individuals
16 involved in the reported violations be notified of the committee's
17 findings. The committee's findings may include but not be limited
18 to exempting a student or faculty member from an assignment or
19 requirement or recommending an alternative assignment or
20 requirement; and

21 5. A procedure for the Safe Campus Committee to hear appeals of
22 the committee's findings.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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