

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 HOUSE BILL 4195

By: Echols and **Nollan**

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

16 Section 628.13 A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
17 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall
18 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or
19 university courses of eligible high school students on high school
20 campuses, on college and university campuses and via online courses.

21 2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
22 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course
23 readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability
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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. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
4 program and the high school junior concurrent enrollment program
5 being fully funded, each high school freshman and sophomore who
6 meets the eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall
7 be entitled to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of
8 resident tuition for a maximum of six (6) credit hours in their
9 freshman year and a maximum of six (6) credit hours in their
10 sophomore year, subject to the availability of funds.

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

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

23 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
24 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the

1 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
2 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
3 information:

4 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
5 enrollment;

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

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

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

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,
20 dated 02/15/2022 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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