

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE BILL 4196

 By: Echols and **Nollan**

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to higher education; enacting the
9 Needed Oklahoma Workers Act; creating a revolving
10 fund; designating funds for certain degree programs;
11 directing the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher
12 Education to administer the funds; providing for
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235.1 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Needed Oklahoma
18 Workers Act".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235.2 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
23 for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to be designated
24 the "Needed Oklahoma Workers Fund". The fund shall be a continuing

1 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
2 monies received by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
3 from state appropriations for the purpose of this fund. All monies
4 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may
5 be budgeted and expended by the State Regents for the purpose of
6 operating the Needed Oklahoma Workers Fund.

7 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235.3 of Title 70, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 Universities within the Oklahoma State System of Higher
11 Education shall receive one-third of the monies within the Needed
12 Oklahoma Workers Fund for nursing students. The money shall be
13 divided amongst the universities on a per enrolled nursing student
14 basis.

15 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235.4 of Title 70, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 Universities within the Oklahoma State System of Higher
19 Education shall receive one-third of the monies within the Needed
20 Oklahoma Workers Fund for engineering students. The money shall be
21 divided amongst the universities on a per enrolled engineering
22 student basis.

1 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235.5 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 Universities within the Oklahoma State System of Higher
5 Education shall receive one-third of the monies within the Needed
6 Oklahoma Workers Fund for students pursuing a teaching degree. The
7 money shall be divided amongst the universities on a per enrolled
8 teaching student basis.

9 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235.6 of Title 70, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall implement
13 policies and procedures for the administration of this act.

14 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,
17 dated 02/15/2022 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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