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Bill Analysis

SB 276 prohibits institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history on an initial application form or at any time during the admissions process. The measure provides exceptions for inquiries related to certain crimes, including stalking, rape and sexual battery. If an institution denies admission based on a conviction for such a crime, the measure allows a student to appeal the decision. The measure allows an institution to make inquiries related to criminal history after a student has been accepted for admission to offer counseling and to make decisions related to the student's participation in campus life and directs an institution that makes such inquiries to take into consideration certain factors, such as the age of the student and the time that has passed since the incident. The measure also allows an institution with a teacher preparation program to consider the criminal history of a student that has been admitted if his or her criminal history may prohibit issuance of a certificate to teach. It allows certain institutions to consider criminal history if the information is provided as part of a national application service.

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