

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 4196

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

21 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
22 for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to be designated
23 the "Needed Oklahoma Workers Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
24 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of

1 monies received by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
2 from state appropriations for the purpose of this fund. All monies
3 accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may
4 be budgeted and expended by the State Regents for the purpose of
5 operating the Needed Oklahoma Workers Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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