

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1624

By: Seifried of the Senate

and

Vancuren and Deck of the  
House

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.7, which relates to the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act; providing eligibility for certain programs; updating statutory language; updating statutory reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Higher education

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 626.7. A college tuition aid grant may be awarded annually to each eligible, qualified full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a curriculum leading to a degree or certificate in an institution of collegiate grade or postsecondary institution providing a program of training to prepare students for employment in a recognized occupation in Oklahoma approved or accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or appropriate postsecondary agency. Eligible programs of training shall include comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the United States Department of Education. College tuition aid grants shall be awarded in accordance with the following:

1. Eligibility. Each full-time or part-time resident student ~~will~~ shall be eligible to receive a grant in an amount as provided in paragraph 2 of this section. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall determine by rules and regulations the maximum number of semesters a student may be eligible for grants. No student shall be eligible for grants unless the student maintains ~~such~~ minimum standards of academic performance as are required by the institution in which the student is enrolled.

In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be enrolled during the course of an academic year, the student shall cease to be eligible for tuition aid ~~;~~ and

2. Amount of grant. The amount of tuition aid grant to any student under ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act for any semester shall represent a percentage not greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of the tuition and enrollment fees normally charged to residents of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state by the institution of attendance. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall determine by rules the annual maximum award amount based on an annual assessment of funds availability.

Financial assistance received under ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act ~~will~~ shall be considered as part of a student's financial aid package.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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