

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4   HOUSE BILL 2989

                              By: West (Josh) of the House

5   and

6   **Stanley** of the Senate

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9                               AS INTRODUCED

10           An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.  
11           2021, Section 3207.1, which relates to transfer of  
12           credits; modifying language regarding submission of  
13           certain report; stating legislative intent that  
14           certain institutions of higher education not require  
15           a score higher than certain recommended score on  
16           certain examination to grant certain course credit;  
17           allowing certain institution president to make  
18           certain determination; requiring institutions to post  
19           certain policy on campus websites; providing an  
20           effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22           SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 3207.1, is  
23           amended to read as follows:

24           Section 3207.1   A.   It is the intent of the Legislature that  
          credits earned by students in any institution of higher education  
          within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education be fully  
          accepted at any other institution of higher education within The

1 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and that the Oklahoma  
2 State Regents for Higher Education assume leadership in working with  
3 institutional faculty and administrators to ensure that students  
4 move smoothly from one level of education to another. Objectives  
5 should include development of transfer policies and guides, degree  
6 sheets, course equivalencies, and common course numbering.

7 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that institutions of  
8 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
9 Education, private institutions accredited by the Oklahoma State  
10 Regents for Higher Education, technology center school districts,  
11 schools or training programs licensed, accredited, approved, or  
12 regulated by any state agency, and private schools licensed by the  
13 Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools be prohibited from  
14 placing statements in documents or brochures given to students or  
15 advertising in publications that credits earned at the institution,  
16 training program, or school are fully accepted at another  
17 institution or school without having a written agreement with the  
18 other institution or school stating that the credits will be fully  
19 accepted.

20 C. It is the intent of the Legislature that in establishing the  
21 minimum required score on an Advanced Placement Examination for  
22 granting course credit for a particular lower division course,  
23 institutions of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of  
24 Higher Education shall not require an Advanced Placement Exam score

1 of more than three, except the requirement of an Advanced Placement  
2 Exam score of more than three shall be permitted for granting  
3 additional course credit for a lower division course or courses  
4 sequenced with the initial lower division course. Credit policy  
5 regarding all Advanced Placement Exams shall be posted on campus  
6 websites effective for the 2021-22 fall academic term and for each  
7 academic term thereafter. The institutions of higher education  
8 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall conduct  
9 biennial reviews of their Advanced Placement credit policy. The  
10 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall report noncompliance  
11 to the ~~House Common Education Committee, House Higher Education and~~  
12 ~~Career Tech Committee, and Senate Education Committee, or similarly~~  
13 ~~named House Committee if the named Committees no longer exist,~~  
14 education committees in the Senate and House of Representatives by  
15 December 1 each year beginning December 1, 2021.

16 D. It is the intent of the Legislature that in establishing the  
17 minimum required score on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)  
18 examination for granting course credit for a particular lower  
19 division course, institutions of higher education within The  
20 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall not require a score  
21 higher than the minimum score recommended by a nonprofit higher  
22 education association that makes recommendations on college-level  
23 equivalencies. Provided, however, the president of the institution  
24 may determine, based on evidence, that a higher score on the

1 examination is necessary to indicate that a student is sufficiently  
2 prepared to be successful in a related, more advanced course for  
3 which the lower division course is a prerequisite. Institutions  
4 shall post on campus websites their CLEP examination policy  
5 effective for the 2023-2024 academic year and for each academic year  
6 thereafter.

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

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

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,  
14 dated 02/19/2024 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.  
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