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March 26, 2024

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2989

By: West (Josh) of the House

and

Stanley of the Senate

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

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

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

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 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education assume leadership in working with institutional faculty and administrators to ensure that students

1 move smoothly from one level of education to another. Objectives
2 should include development of transfer policies and guides, degree
3 sheets, course equivalencies, and common course numbering.

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

17 C. It is the intent of the Legislature that in establishing the
18 minimum required score on an Advanced Placement Examination for
19 granting course credit for a particular lower division course,
20 institutions of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of
21 Higher Education shall not require an Advanced Placement Exam score
22 of more than three, except the requirement of an Advanced Placement
23 Exam score of more than three shall be permitted for granting
24 additional course credit for a lower division course or courses

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

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

1 shall post on campus websites their CLEP examination policy
2 effective for the 2023-2024 academic year and for each academic year
3 thereafter.

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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