

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE BILL 1377

By: Dahm

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; directing the Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise at Oklahoma State University to continue as the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership; providing for school to operate in certain manner; directing the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to allocate appropriate funding for certain purpose; directing certain funds and donations to be used for certain purpose; requiring the school to submit certain report by certain date; providing for contents of report; allowing the chairs of certain legislative committees to request certain appearance; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3401.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise at Oklahoma State University shall continue at the same location and is hereby designated the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Oklahoma State University. The School of Civic and Economic

1 Thought and Leadership shall operate as a single stand-alone
2 academic entity within Oklahoma State University.

3 B. The Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and
4 Mechanical Colleges shall allocate appropriate funding for the
5 operations of the School of Civic and Economic Thought and
6 Leadership. Funds allocated by the Oklahoma State Regents for
7 Higher Education to Oklahoma State University and private donations
8 provided for the purpose of supporting the School of Civic and
9 Economic Thought and Leadership shall be used only for the direct
10 operation of the school and shall not be used for indirect costs of
11 Oklahoma State University.

12 C. By October 1, 2024, the School of Civic and Economic Thought
13 and Leadership at Oklahoma State University shall electronically
14 submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs
16 of the committees with responsibility over higher education in both
17 houses of the Legislature. The report shall include, at a minimum,
18 the following:

- 19 1. The total amount of funding received from all sources;
- 20 2. A description of faculty positions and courses offered;
- 21 3. The total undergraduate and graduate student enrollment; and
- 22 4. Significant community events, initiatives, or publications.

23 D. The chairs of the committees with responsibility over higher
24 education in both houses of the Legislature may request that the

1 director of the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
2 appear before their respective committees to report on the school's
3 annual achievements.

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.

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