

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 2989

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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