

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3966
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Impact:	See below

Research Analysis

HB 3966, as introduced, establishes the School of American Civic Thought and Leadership at the University of Oklahoma. The school aims to educate students on American political principles and promote responsible leadership and civic education. An advisory board appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, will advise the school on staffing and curriculum.

The school will appoint a director and may award tenure to faculty according to the university's policies. Funding may be provided by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, charitable donations, and funds allocated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The school must submit an annual report to the Governor and legislature detailing funding, faculty, enrollment, courses, community events, and programs.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure establishes a new school within the University of Oklahoma. As written, the measure stipulates that the school may be funded through the OU Board of Regents and charitable donations. As such, there is no direct fiscal impact on state appropriations.

The anticipated cost breakdown are as follows:

Year One - \$1,550,100
Year Two - \$796,000
Year Three - \$1,354,150

Year one is expected to include approximately \$1.1 million for capital needs.

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Other Considerations

None.

