

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3312

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to concurrent enrollment; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 628.13, which relates to concurrent enrollment for eligible high school students; expanding waiver to include payment of fees and required textbook and course materials; 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 628.13, is amended to read as follows:

Section 628.13 A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or university courses of eligible high school students on high school campuses, on college and university campuses and via online courses.

2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability

1 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma
2 high schools.

3 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the
4 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare
5 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features and
6 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the
7 independent school districts distribute the materials to each
8 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

9 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
10 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise
11 eligible high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)
12 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,
13 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any
14 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the
15 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

16 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility
17 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive
18 a ~~tuition~~ waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition,
19 enrollment fees and other fees, and all required textbooks or
20 materials for a maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in their
21 senior year.

22 2. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
23 program being fully funded, each high school junior who meets the
24 eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled
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1 to receive a ~~tuition~~ waiver equivalent to the amount of resident
2 tuition, enrollment fees and other fees, and all required textbooks
3 or materials for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in their junior
4 year, subject to the availability of funds.

5 3. ~~Tuition waivers~~ Waivers provided pursuant to this section
6 shall be granted without any limitation on the number of waivers
7 granted in any year other than the amount of funds available for the
8 program and the number of eligible applicants.

9 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
10 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
11 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
12 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
13 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
14 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
15 higher education course and a course provided by the school
16 district.

17 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
18 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
19 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
20 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
21 information:

22 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
23 enrollment;

1 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
2 enrollment who received ~~tuition~~ waivers pursuant to subsection D of
3 this section;

4 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in
5 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and

6 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of
7 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's
8 degree at an institution of higher education.

9 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
11 of Education.

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

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

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