

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB4158 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Toni Hasenbeck \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4158

By: Hasenbeck

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.  
10 2021, Section 2632, as amended by Section 1, Chapter  
11 129, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2632),  
12 which relates to eligibility requirements for the  
13 Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant; increasing  
14 income cap from Fifty Thousand Dollars to Eighty  
15 Thousand Dollars; clarifying permissible use of grant  
16 to be only for courses or programs for completion of  
17 a baccalaureate degree; providing an effective date;  
18 and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2632, as  
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
22 Section 2632), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 2632. A. To be eligible for an Oklahoma Tuition  
24 Equalization Grant, a student shall:

1. Be an Oklahoma resident as defined by the Oklahoma State  
Regents for Higher Education;

1           2. Have enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in an  
2 eligible institution of higher education as prescribed in subsection  
3 D of this section;

4           3. Meet the income eligibility level, which is the student's  
5 parents' income from taxable sources which shall not be more than  
6 Fifty Eighty Thousand Dollars ~~(\$50,000.00)~~ (\$80,000.00) per year or  
7 the student's income if the student is independent and self-  
8 supporting as determined by the State Regents consistent with  
9 federal financial aid regulations;

10          4. Pay more tuition than is required at a comparable public  
11 institution of higher education and pay no less than the regular  
12 tuition required of all students enrolled at the institution where  
13 the student is enrolled; and

14          5. Maintain at least minimum standards of academic performance  
15 as required by the enrolling institution.

16          B. The enrolling institution shall forward a completed student  
17 application, documentation of full-time enrollment status, and  
18 certification of resident status to the State Regents no later than  
19 October 15 for the fall semester and March 15 for the spring  
20 semester of each academic year.

21          C. Subject to the availability of funds in the Oklahoma Tuition  
22 Equalization Grant Trust Fund, an Oklahoma Tuition Equalization  
23 Grant in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per academic  
24 year, or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per academic semester

1 shall be awarded by the State Regents by allocation from the  
2 Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant Trust Fund, beginning with  
3 eligible students enrolled in the 2003-2004 school year. No grants  
4 pursuant to this act shall be provided to students for attending  
5 summer terms or intersessions.

6 D. The State Regents shall implement policies and procedures  
7 for the administration of this act. The State Regents shall approve  
8 as eligible institutions of higher education only those private or  
9 independent, not-for-profit colleges or universities that are  
10 domiciled within this state, meet approved program and accreditation  
11 standards as determined by the State Regents, and are fully  
12 accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central  
13 Association on Colleges and Schools or a national accrediting body  
14 recognized by the United States Department of Education. To be  
15 eligible, institutions must have been granted not-for-profit status  
16 by the Internal Revenue Service and the ~~U. S.~~ U.S. Department of  
17 Education prior to July 1, 2012. Additionally, eligible  
18 institutions shall adhere to the complaint process policies and  
19 procedures administered by the State Regents. The State Regents  
20 shall review and take action, as authorized, on complaints  
21 concerning eligible institutions. The eligible institutions shall  
22 include Family of Faith College, Mid-America Christian University,  
23 Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma  
24 City University, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Oral Roberts

1 University, Southern Nazarene University, Southwestern Christian  
2 University, the University of Tulsa and Randall University.

3 E. If funds are not sufficient in the Oklahoma Tuition  
4 Equalization Grant Trust Fund to provide grants for all eligible  
5 applicants, the State Regents shall award grants on the basis of  
6 need and take into consideration other grants and scholarships  
7 received by an eligible applicant when awarding grants. Students  
8 who have previously received a tuition equalization grant and who  
9 continue to meet the requirements for eligibility shall have  
10 absolute priority for continued financial support superior to any  
11 student who is applying for a grant for the first time.

12 F. Students enrolling as first-time freshmen for the 2003-2004  
13 school year shall be the first class of students eligible to apply  
14 for Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grants. In subsequent years, all  
15 previously eligible students and the first-time enrolling freshmen  
16 students shall be entitled to apply for a grant pursuant to this  
17 section. Beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, all eligible  
18 students shall be entitled to apply for a grant pursuant to this  
19 section.

20 G. A grant provided by this section shall ~~not~~ only be allowed  
21 for courses or ~~other postsecondary units taken in excess of the~~  
22 ~~requirements~~ programs offered at eligible institutions of higher  
23 education as prescribed in subsection D of the section for  
24 completion of a baccalaureate program ~~or taken more than five (5)~~

1 ~~years after the student's first grant is received.~~ The State  
2 Regents may award an Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant for courses  
3 ~~of postsecondary units~~ taken more than five (5) years after the  
4 student's first grant is received only in hardship circumstances.  
5 No Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant recipient may receive  
6 benefits beyond a cumulative time period of five (5) years.

7 H. On or before February 1 after the first semester in which  
8 grants are awarded pursuant to this act and every year thereafter,  
9 the State Regents shall provide a report to the Governor, President  
10 Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives to include, but not be limited to the number of  
12 students awarded grants, grade point average, persistence rates,  
13 degree completion rates, demographic data, and any other indicators  
14 the State Regents deem appropriate.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

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