

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3315

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8 An Act relating to higher education; requiring the
9 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education conduct
10 feasibility study for implementing three-year
11 bachelor's degree programs; requiring study
12 investigate and analyze certain issues; requiring
13 State Regents to submit study report; providing for
14 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3252 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
20 conduct a thorough study to determine the feasibility of
21 implementing bachelor's degree programs that require only three (3)
22 years, or ninety (90) credit hours, to complete in this state. The
23 study shall investigate a variety of fields of study and determine
24 the feasibility of reducing specific course requirements, quantity

1 of electives, and total credit hours required for graduation. The
2 study shall consider and evaluate potential issues related to
3 accreditation and degree marketability.

4 B. On or before July 1, 2026, the State Regents shall prepare
5 and submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
6 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
7 Senate a report concerning the findings of the study.

8 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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