SENATE CHAMBER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

FLOOR AMENDMENT

No.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date) I move to amend House Bill No. 1727, by substituting the attached floor, substitute (Request #2103) for the title, enacting clause, and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by: Senator Pugh

I hereby grant permission for the floor substitute to be adopted.

-Senator Pugh, Chair (required) Senat Senator Dossett

Senator Deevers

Senator Hines

Senator Paxton, President Pro Tempore

Senator

Senator Reinhardt

Sehator Mann

Senator Sacchieri

Senator Daniels, Majority Floor Leader

Note: Education committee majority requires six (6) members' signatures.

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(Floor Amendments Only) Date and Time Filed: <u>5.5.25</u>

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Amendment Cycle Extended Secondary Amendment

1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)
3	FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED
4	HOUSE BILL NO. 1727 By: Moore, McCane, Munson, Provenzano, Hill, Harris,
5	Deck, Archer, West (Tammy), Gise, Alonso-Sandoval,
6 7	Ranson, Waldron, Rosecrants, Wolfley, and Townlow of the House
/	Townley of the House
8	and
9	Pugh, Pederson, Hicks, and Mann of the Senate
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12	FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
13	[Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program -
14	eligibility requirements - children of teachers - student agreements - financial qualification
15	determination - Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education - employment status - effective date -
16	emergency]
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
19	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2603, as
20	amended by Section 1, Chapter 274, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024,
21	Section 2603), is amended to read as follows:
22	Section 2603. A. Except as otherwise provided for in
23	subsection B of this section and elsewhere in this section, to be
24	eligible to participate in the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access

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Program and to qualify for an award which includes payment of an amount equivalent to resident tuition or other tuition pursuant to Section 2604 of this title for the first semester or other academic unit of postsecondary enrollment, a student shall:

5 1. Be a resident of this state or be enrolled in a school
6 district located in this state that serves students who reside in
7 both this state and an adjacent state pursuant to a contract as
8 authorized in Section 5-117.1 of this title;

9 2. Be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States. A student who is not a United States citizen or lawfully 10 present in the United States shall not be eligible to participate in 11 12 the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and to qualify for an 13 award notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3242 of this title. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any student who 14 was enrolled in the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program prior to 15 the end of the 2006-2007 school year; 16

Have a record of satisfactory compliance with agreements
 executed pursuant to Section 2605 of this title;

4. a. have <u>Have</u> graduated within the previous three (3)
years from a high school accredited by the State Board
of Education or the Oklahoma School of Science and
Mathematics with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point
average on a 4.0 scale for all work attempted in
grades nine through twelve,

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1 b. have Have graduated within the previous three (3) years from a high school not accredited by the State 2 Board of Education with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade 3 point average on a 4.0 scale for all work attempted in 4 5 grades nine through twelve and have achieved a composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test, or 6 have Have satisfactorily completed within the previous 7 с. three (3) years an educational program that was 8 9 provided through a means other than a public or private school and have achieved a composite score of 10 22 or higher on the ACT test; 11

5. Have completed the curricular requirements for admission to 12 an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. 13 Students shall also have attained a 2.5 grade point average in the 14 core curriculum courses. Students who attended a high school which 15 did not offer all the core curriculum courses or students who were 16 17 educated by other means and were not offered all the core curriculum courses shall be allowed to satisfy this curriculum requirement by 18 participating in a program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents 19 for Higher Education for remediation of high school curricular 20 deficiencies; 21

6. Have satisfied admission standards as determined by the
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for first-time-entering
students for the appropriate type of institution, or, if attending a

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1 private institution, have satisfied admission standards as 2 determined by the private institution. No student participating in the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program shall be admitted into 3 an institution of higher education by special admission standards; 4 5 7. Have secured admission to, and enrolled in, an institution which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, 6 a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered by a technology 7 center school that meets the requirements to be eligible for federal 8 9 student financial aid, or a private institution of higher learning located within this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of 10 this title; and 11

12 8. a. have established financial need according to the provisions of subsection D of Section 2605 of this 13 title and standards and provisions promulgated by the 14 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 15 b. if the student was adopted between birth and twelve 16 (12) years of age while in the permanent custody of 17 the Department of Human Services, in the court-ordered 18 custody of a licensed private nonprofit child-placing 19 agency, or federally recognized Indian tribe, as 20 defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 21 1978, have established financial need according to the 22 provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection E of Section 23 2605 of this title and standards and provisions 24

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promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,

- if the student was adopted between thirteen (13) and 3 с. seventeen (17) years of age while in the permanent 4 5 custody of the Department of Human Services, in the court-ordered custody of a licensed private nonprofit 6 child-placing agency, or federally recognized Indian 7 tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare 8 9 Act of 1978, have established financial need according to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection E of 10 Section 2605 of this title and standards and 11 12 provisions promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, or 13
- d. if the student was placed in the custody of the 14 Department of Human Services at any time during the 15 eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grades grade and 16 enrolls in the program no later than his or her 17 official date of high school graduation, have 18 established financial need according to the provisions 19 of paragraph 3 of subsection E of Section 2605 of this 20 title and standards and provisions promulgated by the 21 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, or 22 if the student is the child of a certified classroom 23 е. teacher and meets the provisions of paragraph 5 of 24

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1subsection E of Section 2605 of this title. For the2purposes of this paragraph, "certified classroom3teacher" shall have the same meaning as provided in4subparagraph d of paragraph 5 of subsection E of5Section 2605 of this title.

B. 1. A student shall be eligible to participate in the
Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and to qualify for an award
which includes payment of an amount equivalent to resident tuition
or other tuition pursuant to Section 2604 of this title for the
first semester or other academic unit of postsecondary enrollment if
the student meets all of the following criteria:

12 a. is a child of any person killed after January 1, 2000, in the line of duty in any branch of the United States 13 Armed Forces or who died after January 1, 2000, as a 14 result of an injury sustained while in the line of 15 duty in any branch of the United States Armed Forces 16 and the person who was killed or died filed an 17 individual or joint Oklahoma income tax return for the 18 tax year prior to the year during which the person was 19 killed or died, 20

b. is a resident of this state or is enrolled in a school
district located in this state that serves students
who reside in both this state and an adjacent state

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pursuant to a contract as authorized in Section 5-117.1 of this title,

- c. enrolls in an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education prior to reaching the age of twenty-one (21),
- d. has satisfied admission standards as determined by the 6 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for first-7 time-entering students for the appropriate type of 8 9 institution, or, if attending a private institution, has satisfied admission standards as determined by the 10 private institution. No student participating in the 11 12 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program shall be 13 admitted into an institution of higher education by special admission standards, 14
- has secured admission to, and enrolled in, an 15 e. institution which is a member of The Oklahoma State 16 System of Higher Education, a postsecondary 17 vocational-technical program offered by a technology 18 center school that meets the requirements to be 19 eligible for federal student financial aid, or a 20 private institution of higher learning located within 21 this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of 22 this title, and 23
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f. executes an agreement pursuant to subsection C of Section 2605 of this title.

2. A student who is eligible to participate in the program
pursuant to this subsection shall not be required to meet the
eligibility requirements set forth in subsection A of this section.

C. To retain eligibility while pursuing the program of higher7 learning in which enrolled, the student shall:

8 1. Meet the requirements for retention and degree completion as
 9 established by the institution in which the student is enrolled;

Maintain good academic standing and satisfactory academic
 progress according to standards of the Oklahoma State Regents for
 Higher Education;

Maintain satisfactory academic progress as required for
 eligibility for federal Title IV student financial aid programs.
 The provisions of this paragraph shall become effective for the
 2012-2013 school year;

Comply with the standards related to maintenance of
 eligibility as promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
 Education; and

5. Refrain from conduct that leads to expulsion or suspension
 of more than one semester from an institution of higher education.
 A student who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall
 permanently lose eligibility for program benefits. The provisions
 of this paragraph shall become effective January 1, 2008.

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D. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the
 State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate
 rules relating to maintenance of eligibility under the Oklahoma
 Higher Learning Access Act by a student.

5 E. It is the intent of the Legislature that students in the 6 ninth grade for the 1992-93 school year who are determined to be 7 eligible Oklahoma Higher Learning Access students pursuant to the 8 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Act shall be the first students 9 eligible for benefits from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Trust 10 Fund.

F. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to study, develop, and propose criteria for determining award eligibility based upon the completion of seven semesters of high school coursework by a student.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2605, as 16 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 274, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 17 2024, Section 2605), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2605. A. Each school year, every fifth- through eleventh-grade student in the public and private schools of this state and students who are educated by other means and are in the equivalent of the fifth through eleventh grade shall be apprised, together with the parent, custodial parent, or guardian of the student, of the opportunity for access to higher learning under the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program. The Oklahoma State Regents

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for Higher Education and the State Board of Education shall develop,
 promote, and coordinate a public awareness program to be utilized in
 making students and parents aware of the Oklahoma Higher Learning
 Access Program.

5 в. On a form provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, every public school district shall designate at least one 6 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program contact person, who shall be 7 a counselor or teacher, at each public school site in this state in 8 9 which eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade classes are taught. 10 When requested by the State Regents, the State Board of Education 11 shall assist the State Regents to ensure the designation of contact 12 persons. Private schools shall also designate at least one school official as a contact person. For students who are educated by 13 other means, a parent or guardian or other person approved by the 14 State Regents shall be designated the contact person. 15

1. Students who qualify on the basis of financial need 16 С. according to subsection D or E of this section or who meet the 17 eligibility qualification set forth in subparagraph a of paragraph 1 18 of subsection B of Section 2603 of this title prior to entering the 19 eleventh grade or prior to reaching the age of sixteen (16) and the 20 standards and provisions promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents 21 for Higher Education shall be given the opportunity throughout the 22 eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, and eleventh-grade years, for students 23 enrolled in a public or private school, or between the ages of 24

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1 thirteen (13) and sixteen (16), for students who are educated by 2 other means, to enter into participation in the program by agreeing 3 to, throughout the remainder of their school years or educational 4 program:

- a. attend school or an educational program regularly and
 do homework regularly,
- 7 b. refrain from substance abuse,
- 8 c. refrain from commission of crimes or delinquent acts,
- 9 d. have school work and school records reviewed by
 10 mentors designated pursuant to the program,
- e. provide information requested by the Oklahoma State
 Regents for Higher Education or the State Board of
 Education, and
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f. participate in program activities.

15 2. Students who meet the eligibility qualification set forth in 16 subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 2603 of 17 this title after completing the eleventh grade or after reaching the 18 age of seventeen (17) shall be given the opportunity prior to 19 reaching the age of twenty-one (21) to enter into participation in 20 the program and shall execute an agreement with provisions as 21 determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

3. The contact person shall maintain the agreements, which
shall be executed on forms provided by the Oklahoma State Regents
for Higher Education and managed according to regulations

promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the contact person shall monitor compliance of the student with the terms of the agreement. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are authorized to process student agreements and verify compliance with the agreements. Students failing to comply with the terms of the agreement shall not be eligible for the awards provided in Section 2604 of this title.

D. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection E of this
section and except for students who qualify pursuant to subsection B
of Section 2603 of this title, a student shall not be found to be in
financial need for purposes of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access
Program if:

Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, or tenth-grade students who
 are enrolled in a public or private school or students between the
 ages of thirteen (13) and fifteen (15) who are educated by other
 means who apply for participation in the program in the 2017-2018
 school year, the federal adjusted gross income of the student's
 parent(s) exceeds Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) per year;

Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade
 students who are enrolled in a public or private school or students
 between the ages of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) who are educated
 by other means who apply for participation in the program in the
 2021-2022 school year, the federal adjusted gross income of the

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1 student's parent(s) exceeds Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per
2 year;

3 3. Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade
4 students who are enrolled in a public or private school or students
5 between the ages of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) who are educated
6 by other means who apply for participation in the program in the
7 2022-2023 school year:

the federal adjusted gross income of the student's 8 a. 9 parent(s), who have two or fewer dependent children, exceeds Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per year, 10 the federal adjusted gross income of the student's 11 b. 12 parent(s), who have three or four dependent children, exceeds Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per 13 year, or 14

c. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's
 parent(s), who have five or more dependent children,
 exceeds Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) per year;

4. Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, prior to receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award for any year during which the student is enrolled in an institution which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered by a technology center school that meets the requirements to be eligible for federal student financial aid, or a private institution of higher learning

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1 located within this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of 2 this title, the federal adjusted gross income of the student's 3 parent(s) exceeds One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per 4 year.

5 The determination of financial qualification as set forth in 6 this paragraph shall be based on the income of the student, not the 7 income of the parent(s), if a student:

- 8 a. is determined to be independent of the student's
 9 parents for federal financial aid purposes,
- b. was in the permanent custody of the Department of
 Human Services at the time the student enrolled in the
 program, or
- c. was in the court-ordered custody of a federally
 recognized Indian tribe, as defined by the federal
 Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, at the time the
 student enrolled in the program.

17 The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any student who 18 has received an Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit 19 award after the 2017-2018 school year; and

5. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall review the determination of financial qualification as set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this subsection if the income from taxable and nontaxable sources of the student's parent(s) includes income received from nontaxable military benefits or income received from

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1 the federal Social Security Administration due to the death or 2 disability of the student's parent(s). If the income from taxable and nontaxable sources of the student's parent(s), excluding income 3 received from nontaxable military benefits or income received from 4 5 the federal Social Security Administration due to the death or disability of the student's parent(s), does not exceed the 6 limitations set forth by paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this subsection, 7 the student shall be determined to have met the financial 8 9 qualification set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this subsection. 10

A student who was adopted between birth and twelve (12) 11 Ε. 1. 12 years of age while in the permanent custody of the Department of Human Services, in the court-ordered custody of a licensed private 13 nonprofit child-placing agency, or federally recognized Indian 14 tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 15 shall not be found to be in financial need for purposes of the 16 17 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program if at the time the student begins postsecondary education and prior to receiving any Oklahoma 18 Higher Learning Access Program benefit award, the federal adjusted 19 gross income of the student's parent(s) exceeds One Hundred Fifty 20 Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) per year. The provisions of this 21 paragraph shall not apply to any student who has received an 22 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award prior to the 23 2012-2013 school year. 24

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1 2. A student who was adopted between thirteen (13) and 2 seventeen (17) years of age while in the permanent custody of the Department of Human Services, in the court-ordered custody of a 3 licensed private nonprofit child-placing agency, or federally 4 5 recognized Indian tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, shall not be found to be in financial need for 6 purposes of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program if at the 7 time the student begins postsecondary education and prior to 8 9 receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award, the federal adjusted gross income of the student's parent(s) exceeds 10 Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per year. The provisions 11 of this paragraph shall not apply to any student who has received an 12 13 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award prior to the 2012-2013 school year. 14

3. A student who was placed in the custody of the Department of Human Services at any time during the eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh <u>grades grade</u> and enrolls in the program no later than his or her official date of high school graduation shall not be found to be in financial need for purposes of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program if the federal adjusted gross income of the student exceeds Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per year.

4. Except for students who qualify pursuant to subsection B of
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24	23		dependent children, exceeds One Hundred Seventy-	
	24		five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) per year,	

1		(2) the federal adjusted gross income of the
2		student's parent(s), who have three or four
3		dependent children, exceeds One Hundred Eighty-
4		five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000.00) per year, or
5		(3) the federal adjusted gross income of the
6		student's parent(s), who have five or more
7		dependent children, exceeds One Hundred Ninety-
8		five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000.00) per year.
9	b.	Prior to receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access
10		Program benefit award for any year during which the
11		student is enrolled in an institution that is a member
12		of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, a
13		postsecondary vocational-technical program offered by
14		a technology center school that meets the eligibility
15		requirements for federal student financial aid, or a
16		private institution of higher learning located within
17		this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of
18		this title, the federal adjusted gross income of the
19		parent(s) of a student who qualifies pursuant to this
20		paragraph shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand
21		Dollars (\$200,000.00) per year.
22	<u>C.</u>	The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
23		verify the full-time employment status of the
24		student's parent(s) prior to a student who qualifies

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1		pursuant to this paragraph receiving any Oklahoma
2		Higher Learning Access Program benefit award.
3	<u>d.</u>	For the purposes of this paragraph, "certified
4		classroom teacher" means a certified, full-time
5		classroom teacher who has been employed as a teacher
6		in a public school district classroom in this state
7		for a minimum of ten (10) years prior to his or her
8		child applying for participation in the program. The
9		teacher is not required to have been employed by the
10		same public school district for ten (10) consecutive
11		years. Certified classroom teacher does not mean a
12		certified teacher who is employed as a school district
13		superintendent, principal, or any other position
14		within the administration of a public school district
15		when his or her child applies for participation in the
16		program or prior to his or her child receiving any
17		Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award.
18	F. The fi	nancial qualification of a student as set forth in
19	subsections D	and E of this section shall be certified by the
20	contact persor	n or by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
21	on the agreeme	ent form provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for
22	Higher Educati	on. The form shall be retained in the permanent
23	record of the	student and a copy forwarded to the Oklahoma State
24	Regents for Hi	Igher Education.

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G. Agreements shall be witnessed by the parent, custodial
 parent, or guardian of the student, who shall further agree to:
 1. Assist the student in achieving compliance with the
 agreements;

5 2. Confer, when requested to do so, with the school contact6 person, other school personnel, and program mentors;

7 3. Provide information requested by the Oklahoma State Regents
8 for Higher Education or the State Board of Education; and

9 4. Assist the student in completing forms and reports required 10 for program participation, making applications to institutions and 11 schools of higher learning, and filing applications for student 12 grants and scholarships.

H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
promulgate rules for the determination of student compliance with
agreements made pursuant to this section.

16 I. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall 17 designate personnel to coordinate tracking of program records for 18 the years when students participating in the program are still in 19 the schools or are being educated by other means, provide staff 20 development for contact persons in the schools, and provide liaison 21 with the State Board of Education and local organizations and 22 individuals participating in the program.

J. The school district where an Oklahoma Higher Learning AccessProgram student is enrolled when the student begins participation in

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1 the program and any subsequent school district where the student 2 enrolls shall forward information regarding participation by the 3 student in the program to a school to which the student transfers 4 upon the request of the school for the records of the student.

5 K. Students participating in the Oklahoma Higher Learning 6 Access Program shall provide their Social Security number or their 7 student identification number used by their school to the Oklahoma 8 State Regents for Higher Education. The <u>State</u> Regents shall keep 9 the numbers confidential and use them only for administrative 10 purposes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025. SECTION 4. 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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