

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 1247

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3242.2, which relates to higher education benefits for certain students; removing exception to prohibition for certain students; removing outdated language; updating statutory language; providing for promulgation of rules; repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3242, which relates to resident tuition eligibility for certain students; 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 3242.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3242.2. A. ~~Except as otherwise provided in Section 3242 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an~~ An individual who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible on the basis of residence within ~~the~~ this state for:

1. Any postsecondary education benefit, including, but not limited to, scholarships or financial aid; or
2. Resident tuition.

1 B. ~~The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not~~
2 ~~apply to a student enrolled in a degree program at a postsecondary~~
3 ~~educational institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher~~
4 ~~Education during the 2006-2007 school year or any prior year who~~
5 ~~received a resident tuition benefit pursuant to Section 3242 of~~
6 ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes at that institution~~ The Oklahoma
7 State Regents for Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement
8 the provisions of this section.

9 SECTION 2. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3242, is
10 hereby repealed.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

12 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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