

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1631

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; amending  
8 Sections 1 and 4, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S.  
9 Supp. 2025, Sections 3205.11 and 3205.13), which  
10 relate to the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee;  
11 providing for appointment of members; providing for  
12 filling of vacancies; directing certain institutions  
13 of higher education to provide students with certain  
14 written notification with certain frequency; updating  
15 statutory language; providing an effective date; and  
16 declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2022

19 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3205.11), is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 Section 3205.11. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Free  
22 Speech Committee to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

23 B. The Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall be comprised of ten  
24 (10) members to be appointed as follows:

25 1. Five persons to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
26 the Senate including one member of the minority party and four  
27 members of the majority party, of whom one member shall not be

1 serving in an elected or appointed leadership position in the  
2 Senate; and

3 2. Five persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
4 Representatives including one member of the minority party and four  
5 members of the majority party, of whom one member shall not be  
6 serving in an elected or appointed leadership position in the House  
7 of Representatives.

8 C. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the appointing  
9 authority.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2022  
11 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3205.13), is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 Section 3205.13. The Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall  
14 develop a process of collecting complaints of free speech violations  
15 on ~~public university~~ the campuses of institutions of higher  
16 education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and  
17 advise complainants of their rights. ~~Universities~~ Institutions of  
18 higher education shall publish contact information on how to report  
19 free speech concerns to the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee on ~~its~~  
20 ~~website~~ their websites and shall provide written notification of  
21 such information to students during first-year orientation and at  
22 least once within the first month of each semester of each academic  
23 year the student is enrolled in the institution.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.  
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1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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