

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing  
8 certain institutions of higher education to  
9 electronically submit certain information to the  
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education annually  
11 by certain date; requiring the State Regents to  
12 electronically submit certain information annually by  
13 certain date; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3213.1,  
14 as amended by Section 2, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 2025 (70  
15 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3213.1), which relates to  
16 the University Center at Ponca City; prohibiting the  
17 board of trustees from establishing and maintaining  
18 tenure plans for employees hired after certain date;  
19 providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
20 Section 3305, which relates to the Board of Regents  
21 of the University of Oklahoma; prohibiting the Board  
22 of Regents from establishing and maintaining tenure  
23 plans for employees hired after certain date;  
24 providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
25 Section 3407.2, which relates to the Board of Regents  
26 of Murray State College; prohibiting the Board of  
27 Regents from establishing and maintaining tenure  
28 plans for employees hired after certain date;  
29 providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
30 Section 3412, which relates to the Board of Regents  
31 for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical  
32 Colleges; prohibiting the Board of Regents from  
33 establishing and maintaining tenure plans for  
34 employees hired after certain date; providing  
35 contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section  
36 3510, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 186, O.S.L.  
37 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 3510), which  
38 relates to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges;  
39 prohibiting the Board of Regents from establishing  
40 and maintaining tenure plans for employees hired  
41 after certain date; providing contract limitation;

amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3606, which relates to the Board of Regents of the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts; prohibiting the Board of Regents from establishing and maintaining tenure plans for employees hired after certain date; providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3706, which relates to the Board of Regents of the Northern Oklahoma College; prohibiting the Board of Regents from establishing and maintaining tenure plans for employees hired after certain date; providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 4413, which relates to Tulsa Community College; prohibiting the Board of Regents of the Tulsa Community College from establishing and maintaining tenure plans for employees hired after certain date; providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 4418, which relates to Western Oklahoma State College; prohibiting the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College from establishing and maintaining tenure plans for employees hired after certain date; providing contract limitation; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 4423, which relates to maintenance of two-year colleges; prohibiting the boards of regents of certain two-year colleges from establishing and maintaining tenure plans for employees hired after certain date; providing contract limitation; updating statutory language; making language gender neutral; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3260 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. By July 31, 2028, and by July 31 each year thereafter, each institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall electronically submit to the Oklahoma State

1 Regents for Higher Education the following information for the  
2 preceding academic year:

3       1. The number of full-time faculty employed by the institution;

4       2. The number of full-time faculty members who have been

5 awarded tenure;

6       3. The number of part-time faculty including adjunct

7 instructors or employees; and

8       4. The number of graduate assistants employed by the

9 institution including the number of courses taught by each graduate

10 assistant.

11       B. By September 1, 2028, and by September 1 each year

12 thereafter, the State Regents shall electronically submit to the

13 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker

14 of the House of Representatives the information submitted pursuant

15 to subsection A of this section.

16       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 3213.1, as  
17 amended by Section 2, Chapter 312, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
18 Section 3213.1), is amended to read as follows:

19       Section 3213.1. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
20 Education shall make educational program resources at institutions  
21 in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education available to the  
22 people in the Ponca City area. This The program shall be known as  
23 the University Center at Ponca City.

1       B. The State Regents shall draw upon the educational programs  
2 of institutions best suited to provide the kind of educational  
3 programs needed and shall, in pursuance of Article XIII-A of the  
4 Oklahoma Constitution and appropriate statutes, set the standards of  
5 education as they relate to the programs operated to assure that  
6 credits earned by students will be fully accepted at institutions of  
7 higher education to which the students may transfer the credit to  
8 apply toward an educational study objective.

9       C. The State Regents may establish appropriate funds and  
10 accounts, including a revolving fund, in the Office of Management  
11 and Enterprise Services for servicing the fiscal operations of the  
12 University Center at Ponca City. The funds and accounts shall be  
13 subject to the direct supervision, management, and control of the  
14 board of trustees created by subsection D of this section. The  
15 people locally shall provide suitable physical plant accommodations  
16 for the University Center at Ponca City.

17       D. There is hereby created a board of nine (9) trustees to be  
18 appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate to  
19 serve as the administrative agency for the University Center at  
20 Ponca City. The board shall be a body corporate and shall adopt and  
21 use an official seal. The board ~~so created~~ shall have the authority  
22 to submit a budget annually to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
23 Education, administer monies budgeted by the State Regents, provide  
24 educational facilities, recommend courses and programs to be offered

1 by participating institutions, select a chief executive officer  
2 whose duties include the general coordination of approved programs  
3 and services, and the selection of other appropriate nonteaching  
4 personnel. The board of trustees is authorized to expend all monies  
5 allocated to the University Center at Ponca City as may be necessary  
6 to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the board by  
7 this section. For purposes of acquiring and taking title to real  
8 and personal property from sources other than state appropriations,  
9 the board is authorized to enter into contracts and to adopt rules  
10 and regulations pertaining to such actions. The initial nine (9)  
11 members shall serve their terms for the period to which originally  
12 appointed, in numbered positions having dates of expiration  
13 identical to the dates of expiration of the original appointments:

14       Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire  
15 on June 30, 2013, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

16       Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire  
17 on June 30, 2014, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

18       Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire  
19 on June 30, 2015, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

20       Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire  
21 on June 30, 2016, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

22       Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire  
23 on June 30, 2017, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

1       Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire  
2 on June 30, 2018, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

3       Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire  
4 on June 30, 2019, and each nine (9) years thereafter;

5       Position No. 8. The term of office of one member shall expire  
6 on June 30, 2020, and each nine (9) years thereafter; and

7       Position No. 9. The term of office of one member shall expire  
8 on June 30, 2021, and each nine (9) years thereafter.

9       The board shall organize and elect a chair, ~~vice-chair~~ vice  
10 chair, and secretary annually.

11       E. The board of trustees may, except as provided for in  
12 subsection F of this section, establish and maintain plans for  
13 tenure and retirement of its employees and for payment of deferred  
14 compensation of employees and may provide hospital and medical  
15 benefits, accident, health, and life insurance and annuity contracts  
16 for employees and pay for all or part of the cost with funds  
17 available for payment of its operating expenses.

18       F. Beginning January 1, 2027, the board of trustees shall not  
19 have the authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of  
20 employees hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of  
21 any employee hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not  
22 exceed five (5) years.

23       G. The board may establish with the State Treasurer any  
24 accounts as are necessary to operate retirement, deferred

1 compensation, or benefits plans for its employees. The accounts  
2 shall be revolving funds not subject to fiscal year limitations.  
3 Funds deposited in the accounts may be invested in any of the types  
4 of instruments in which the State Treasurer is authorized by law to  
5 invest.

6 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3305, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 3305. The Board of Regents of the University of  
9 Oklahoma shall have the supervision, management, and control of the  
10 University of Oklahoma and all its integral parts, of Cameron  
11 University, and of Rogers State University and shall have the  
12 following additional powers and duties:

13 (a) Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to  
14 govern the University of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and Rogers  
15 State University.

16 (b) Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such  
17 personnel as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys,  
18 engineers, and other professional and technical persons, for its  
19 operation and for the operation of the University of Oklahoma,  
20 Cameron University, and Rogers State University. Any of such  
21 personnel having custody of public funds or other public property  
22 may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in such amounts as  
23 may be deemed necessary by the Board, payable to ~~the State of~~

1      Oklahoma this state and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of  
2      all such funds and property.

3                (c) Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials, and  
4      equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make  
5      any of its powers effective.

6                (d) Authorize officials of the University of Oklahoma, Cameron  
7      University, and Rogers State University to act in its behalf in the  
8      making of contracts, or in carrying out the powers conferred upon  
9      it.

10               (e) Receive and make disposition of monies, grants, and  
11      property from federal agencies, and administer the same in  
12      accordance with federal requirements.

13               (f) Accept gifts of real and personal property, monies, and  
14      other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the  
15      directions of the donors or grantors thereof.

16               (g) Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the  
17      Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or  
18      received from any other source by the University of Oklahoma,  
19      Cameron University, and Rogers State University.

20               (h) Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its  
21      name, on behalf of the University of Oklahoma or any agency thereof,  
22      on behalf of Cameron University, and on behalf of Rogers State  
23      University and convey, exchange, or dispose of, or otherwise manage  
24      or control, such property in the interest of the University of

1       Oklahoma or agency thereof, Cameron University, and Rogers State  
2       University, including the granting of leases, permits, easements,  
3       and licenses over or upon such real property. The Board shall have  
4       the power to institute legal action in the name of the Board before  
5       any court having jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have  
6       the custody and control of abstracts of title and instruments  
7       affecting the ownership of or title to real property belonging to  
8       the Board, and being held by the Board on behalf of the University  
9       of Oklahoma or any agency thereof, on behalf of Cameron University,  
10      and on behalf of Rogers State University.

11       (i)    Have supervision and charge of the construction of all  
12      buildings at the University of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and  
13      Rogers State University.

14       (j)    Determine the need for and cause to be constructed,  
15      dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at the  
16      University of Oklahoma or any branch or facility thereof, at Cameron  
17      University, and at Rogers State University.

18       (k)    Establish and maintain plans for tenure, except as provided  
19      for in subsection (o) of this section, and establish and maintain  
20      plans for retirement of employees of the Board and of the University  
21      of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and Rogers State University and for  
22      payment of deferred compensation of such employees; and provide  
23      hospital and medical benefits, accident, health, and life insurance,  
24      and annuity contracts, for such employees and their dependents. The

1 Board may pay for all or a part of the cost thereof for employees,  
2 with funds available for the operation of the institution. Amounts  
3 payable by an employee for such insurance or annuity contracts may,  
4 with the consent of the employee, be deducted from his or her  
5 salary.

6 (l) Audit all accounts against the funds appropriated for the  
7 use and maintenance of the University of Oklahoma, Cameron  
8 University, and Rogers State University and the State Treasurer  
9 shall issue his a warrant for the amount of all accounts, including  
10 salaries and expenses of said the Board, which shall have been  
11 audited and allowed by the Board of Regents and attested by the  
12 President and Secretary of the University of Oklahoma, the President  
13 of Cameron University, and the President of Rogers State University.

14 (m) Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and  
15 otherwise for the violation of rules and regulations of the Board,  
16 which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before  
17 any court having jurisdiction of such actions.

18 (n) Issue, on behalf of the University of Oklahoma, special and  
19 limited obligations for purposes of such capital projects as the  
20 Regents may deem to be proper.

21 (o) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board shall not have the  
22 authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of employees  
23 hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of any employee

1 hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not exceed five (5)  
2 years.

3 (p) Do all things necessary and convenient to carry out the  
4 powers expressly granted to it by the Constitution and the laws of  
5 the state, or to make the University of Oklahoma, Cameron  
6 University, and Rogers State University effective for the purposes  
7 for which they are maintained and operated and the enumeration  
8 herein of certain powers and immunities of the Board of Regents of  
9 the University shall not be construed as in derogation or as a  
10 limitation of the powers and immunities properly belonging to the  
11 Board in the government of the University of Oklahoma, Cameron  
12 University, and Rogers State University by virtue of Section 8,  
13 Article XIII of the Constitution.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3407.2, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 3407.2. A. The Board of Regents of Murray State  
17 College shall consist of seven (7) members, including one member who  
18 is a resident of Ardmore, Oklahoma, appointed by the Governor, by  
19 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The regular term of  
20 each member shall be seven (7) years, except that the initial  
21 appointments shall be for lesser terms so that the term of only one  
22 member shall expire each year.

23 B. The Board of Regents of Murray State College shall be a body  
24 corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It shall

1 annually elect a chair, a ~~vice-chair~~ vice chair, and a secretary,  
2 each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until  
3 his or her successor is elected and qualified, and who shall perform  
4 such duties as the Board directs. The Board shall adopt rules and  
5 regulations as it deems necessary for the governing of the Board and  
6 the discharge of its duties, and shall cause to be kept the minutes  
7 of all meetings and transactions considered at each meeting, in a  
8 suitable book to be obtained and kept for such purpose. The Board  
9 of Regents of Murray State College shall be the governing board of  
10 the College and shall have the supervision and management thereof  
11 and shall have the same powers and duties as governing boards of  
12 other institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,  
13 and may do all things necessary or convenient to make the College  
14 effective for the purpose for which it is operated.

15 C. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board of Regents shall not  
16 have the authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of  
17 employees hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of  
18 any employee hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not  
19 exceed five (5) years.

20 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3412, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 3412. The Board of Regents for the Oklahoma  
23 Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges shall have the supervision,  
24 management, and control of Oklahoma State University, Panhandle

1 State University, Langston University, Connors State College, and  
2 Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College; and shall  
3 have the following additional powers and duties:

4       1. Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to  
5 govern each of the institutions under its jurisdiction;  
6       2. Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such personnel  
7 as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys, engineers,  
8 and other professional and technical persons deemed necessary by the  
9 Board, for its operation and for the operation of the institutions  
10 under its jurisdiction. Any ~~or~~ such personnel having custody of  
11 public funds or other public property may be required to furnish  
12 corporate surety bonds in such amounts as may be deemed necessary by  
13 the Board, payable to ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state and  
14 conditioned upon a faithful accounting of all such funds and  
15 property;

16       3. Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials, and  
17 equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make  
18 any of its powers effective;

19       4. Authorize officials at the several institutions under its  
20 jurisdiction to act in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in  
21 carrying out the powers conferred upon it;

22       5. Receive and make disposition of monies, grants, and property  
23 from federal agencies, and administer the same in accordance with  
24 federal requirements;

1       6. Accept gifts of real and personal property, money, and other  
2       things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the  
3       directions of the donors or grantors thereof;

4       7. Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the  
5       Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or  
6       received from any other source by institutions under its  
7       jurisdiction;

8       8. Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its  
9       name, on behalf of any of the institutions under its jurisdiction,  
10       and convey, exchange, or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control,  
11       such property in the interest of such institutions, including the  
12       granting of leases, permits, easements, and licenses over or upon  
13       any such real property. The Board shall have the power to institute  
14       any legal action in the name of the Board before any court having  
15       jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have the custody and  
16       control of abstracts of title and instruments affecting the  
17       ownership of or title to real property belonging to the Board, and  
18       being held by the Board on behalf of a particular state educational  
19       institution;

20       9. Have supervision and charge of the construction of all  
21       buildings at the institutions under its jurisdiction;

22       10. Determine the need for and cause to be constructed, or  
23       dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at any  
24       institution under its jurisdiction;

1       11. Establish and maintain plans for tenure, except as provided  
2       for in paragraph 12 of this section, and establish and maintain  
3       plans for retirement of employees of the Board and of the  
4       institutions under its jurisdiction, and for payment of deferred  
5       compensation of such employees, and provide hospital and medical  
6       benefits, accident, health, and life insurance, and annuity  
7       contracts, for such employees and their dependents. The Board may  
8       pay for all or a part of the cost for employees thereof with funds  
9       available for the operation of the institution. Amounts payable by  
10      an employee for such insurance or annuity contracts may, with the  
11      consent of the employee, be deducted from the employee's salary;

12       12. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board shall not have the  
13       authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of employees  
14       hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of any employee  
15       hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not exceed five (5)  
16       years;

17       13. The Board shall cause a complete inventory to be made of  
18       all properties belonging to each of the agricultural colleges or  
19       universities within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state before the last  
20       Monday in December, next preceding each biennial session of the  
21       State Legislature, and accompanying the inventories shall be a  
22       financial statement showing in detail the condition of all funds  
23       appropriated for the use of the agricultural colleges and  
24       experimental stations, also the money expended and the purposes for

1 which the same were expended and the condition of the institution;  
2 and, the results of experiments carried on, together with their  
3 recommendations concerning remedial legislation or rules for the  
4 betterment of the institution;

5 13. 14. The Board shall audit all accounts against the funds  
6 appropriated for the use and maintenance of the Oklahoma State  
7 University and the other state agricultural colleges, including  
8 experimental stations, and the State Treasurer shall issue a warrant  
9 for the amount of all accounts, including salaries and expenses;

10 14. 15. Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and  
11 otherwise for the violation of rules of the Board, which may be sued  
12 for and collected in the name of the Board before any court having  
13 jurisdiction of such actions;

14 15. 16. The Legislature further recognizes and confirms, that  
15 the Oklahoma State University is an institution corporate under the  
16 ~~constitution~~ Oklahoma Constitution and the statutes of Oklahoma this  
17 state with full power and authority, acting through its  
18 constitutional Board of Regents, to do all things necessary or  
19 convenient to accomplish the corporate objects of the institution,  
20 and the institution, acting through its constitutional Board of  
21 Regents, is hereby recognized to be such public corporation and to  
22 have such powers; and

1       16. 17. Issue, on behalf of Oklahoma State University, special  
2 and limited obligations for purposes of such capital projects as the  
3 Regents may deem to be proper.

4       Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the powers of  
5 the ~~board of regents~~ Board of Regents to control and use monies  
6 accruing to the institutions under ~~their~~ its jurisdiction and  
7 control, from nontax sources, including institutional earnings, and  
8 proceeds of sales of surplus properties ~~heretofore~~ authorized to be  
9 sold, and revenues derived by way of bonuses and rentals from oil  
10 and gas leases, for any lawful institutional purpose, is hereby  
11 specifically confirmed.

12      The enumeration herein of certain powers and immunities of the  
13 Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical  
14 Colleges shall not be construed as in derogation or as a limitation  
15 of other powers and immunities properly belonging to the Board by  
16 virtue of any provisions of the Oklahoma Constitution ~~of Oklahoma~~ or  
17 of any provision of law. The Board, is hereby, expressly granted  
18 every power necessary or convenient to make institutions under its  
19 jurisdiction effective for the purposes for which they were created  
20 and are maintained and operated.

21      Nothing in this section shall be construed as in derogation of  
22 the constitutional powers and responsibilities of the Board of  
23 Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges,  
24 acting as the Board of Regents for Connors State College,

1 Northeastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Panhandle  
2 State University, and Langston University.

3 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3510, as  
4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 186, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
5 Section 3510), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 3510. The Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, also  
7 known as the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) pursuant  
8 to Section 3507.1 of this title, shall have the supervision,  
9 management, and control of the University of Central Oklahoma, East  
10 Central University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern  
11 Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University,  
12 and Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and it shall have the  
13 following additional powers and duties:

14 (a) Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to  
15 govern each of the institutions under its jurisdiction.

16 (b) Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such  
17 personnel as it deems necessary including architects, attorneys,  
18 engineers, and other professional and technical persons for its  
19 operation and for the operation of the institutions under its  
20 jurisdiction. Any of such personnel having custody of public funds  
21 or other public property may be required to furnish corporate surety  
22 bonds in such amounts as may be deemed necessary by the Board,  
23 payable to this state and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of  
24 all such funds and property.

(c) Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials, and equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make any of its powers effective.

(d) Authorize officials at the several institutions under its jurisdiction to act in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in carrying out the powers conferred upon it.

(e) Receive and make disposition of monies, grants, and property from federal agencies, and administer the same in accordance with federal requirements.

(f) Accept gifts of real and personal property, money, and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the directions of the donors or grantors thereof.

(g) Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or received from any other source by the institutions under its jurisdiction.

(h) Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its name, on behalf of any of the institutions under its jurisdiction, and convey, exchange, or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control, such property in the interest of such institutions including the granting of leases, permits, easements, and licenses over or upon any such real property. The Board shall have the power to institute any legal action in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have custody of

1 abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or  
2 title to real property acquired for or belonging to such  
3 institutions.

4 (i) Have supervision and charge of the construction of all  
5 buildings at institutions under its jurisdiction.

6 (j) Determine the need for and cause to be constructed  
7 dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at any  
8 institution under its jurisdiction.

9 (k) Establish and maintain plans for tenure, except as provided  
10 for in subsection (1) of this section, and establish and maintain  
11 plans for retirement of employees of the Board and of the  
12 institutions under its jurisdiction, and for payment of deferred  
13 compensation of such employees, and provide hospital and medical  
14 benefits, accident, health, and life insurance, and annuity  
15 contracts, for such employees and their dependents. The Board may  
16 pay for all or a part of the cost thereof for employees, with funds  
17 available for the operation of the institution. Amounts payable by  
18 an employee for such insurance or annuity contracts may, with the  
19 consent of the employee, be deducted from his or her salary.

20 (l) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board shall not have the  
21 authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of employees  
22 hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of any employee  
23 hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not exceed five (5)  
24 years.

1        (m) Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to each of  
2 the institutions under its jurisdiction.

3        ~~(m)~~ (n) Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to the  
4 institutions under its jurisdiction.

5        ~~(n)~~ (o) Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and  
6 otherwise for the violation of rules and regulations of the Board,  
7 which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before  
8 any court having jurisdiction of such actions.

9        ~~(o)~~ (p) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
10 powers expressly granted to it by Article XIII-B of the Oklahoma  
11 Constitution and the ~~Statutes of Oklahoma~~ statutes of this state, or  
12 to make institutions under its jurisdiction effective for the  
13 purposes for which they are maintained or operated.

14        ~~(p)~~ (q) Issue, on behalf of the institutions supervised and  
15 managed by RUSO, special and limited obligations for purposes of  
16 such capital projects as RUSO may deem proper.

17        SECTION 7.        AMENDATORY        70 O.S. 2021, Section 3606, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19        Section 3606. The Board of Regents of the Oklahoma College of  
20 Liberal Arts shall have the supervision, management, and control of  
21 the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, and it shall have the  
22 following additional powers and duties:

23        (a) Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to  
24 govern the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts.

(b) Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such personnel as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys, engineers, and other professional and technical persons for its operation and for the operation of the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts. Any ~~or~~ such personnel having custody of public funds or other public property may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in such amounts as may be deemed necessary by the Board, payable to the ~~State of Oklahoma~~ this state and conditioned upon a faithful accounting of all such funds and property.

(c) Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials, and equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make any of its powers effective.

(d) Authorize officials at the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts to act in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in carrying out the powers conferred upon it.

(e) Receive and make disposition of monies, grants, and property from federal agencies, and administer the same in accordance with federal requirements.

(f) Accept gifts of real and personal property, money, and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the directions of the donors or grantors thereof.

(g) Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or

1 received from any other source by the Oklahoma College of Liberal  
2 Arts.

3 (h) Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its  
4 name, on behalf of the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, and convey,  
5 exchange, or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control, such  
6 property in the interest of such institution, including the granting  
7 of leases, permits, easements, and licenses over or upon any such  
8 real property. The Board shall have the power to institute any  
9 legal action in the name of the Board before any court having  
10 jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have custody of  
11 abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or  
12 title to real property belonging to the Oklahoma College of Liberal  
13 Arts.

14 (i) Have supervision and charge of the construction of all  
15 buildings at the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts.

16 (j) Determine the need for and cause to be constructed  
17 dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at the  
18 Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts.

19 (k) Establish and maintain plans for tenure, except as provided  
20 for in subsection (l) of this section, and establish and maintain  
21 plans for retirement of employees at the Oklahoma College of Liberal  
22 Arts, and for payment of deferred compensation of such employees,  
23 and provide hospital and medical benefits, accident, health, and  
24 life insurance, and annuity contracts, for such employees and their

1 dependents. The Board may pay for all or a part of the cost thereof  
2 for employees, with funds available for the operation of the  
3 institution. Amounts payable by an employee for such insurance or  
4 annuity contracts may with the consent of the employee be deducted  
5 from his or her salary.

6 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board shall not have the  
7 authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of employees  
8 hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of any employee  
9 hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not exceed five (5)  
10 years.

11 (m) Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to the  
12 Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts.

13 (m) (n) Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to the  
14 Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts.

15 (n) (o) Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and  
16 otherwise for the violation of rules and regulations of the Board,  
17 which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before  
18 any court having jurisdiction of such actions.

19 (o) (p) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
20 powers expressly granted to it, or to make the Oklahoma College of  
21 Liberal Arts effective for the purposes for which it is maintained  
22 or operated.

23 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3706, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 3706. The Board of Regents of the Northern Oklahoma  
2 College shall have the supervision, management, and control of the  
3 Northern Oklahoma College, and it shall have the following  
4 additional powers and duties:

5           (a) Adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to  
6 govern the Northern Oklahoma College.

7           (b) Employ and fix the compensation and duties of such  
8 personnel as it deems necessary, including architects, attorneys,  
9 engineers, and other professional and technical persons for its  
10 operation and for the operation of Northern Oklahoma College. Any  
11 of such personnel having custody of public funds or other public  
12 property may be required to furnish corporate surety bonds in such  
13 amounts as may be deemed necessary by the Board, payable to the  
14 ~~State of Oklahoma~~ this state and conditioned upon a faithful  
15 accounting of all such funds and property.

16           (c) Enter into contracts, purchase supplies, materials, and  
17 equipment, and incur such other expenses as may be necessary to make  
18 any of its powers effective.

19           (d) Authorize officials at the Northern Oklahoma College to act  
20 in its behalf in the making of contracts, or in carrying out the  
21 powers conferred upon it.

22           (e) Receive and make disposition of monies, grants, and  
23 property from federal agencies, and administer the same in  
24 accordance with Federal requirements.

(f) Accept gifts of real and personal property, money, and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the directions of the donors or grantors thereof.

(g) Direct the disposition of all monies appropriated by the Legislature or by the Congress or derived from the sale of bonds or received from any other source by Northern Oklahoma College.

(h) Acquire and take title to real and personal property in its name, on behalf of the Northern Oklahoma College, and convey, exchange, or dispose of, or otherwise manage or control, such property in the interest of such institution, including the granting of leases, permits, easements, and licenses over or upon any such real property. The Board shall have the power to institute any legal action in the name of the Board before any court having jurisdiction of such actions. The Board shall have custody of abstracts of title and instruments affecting the ownership of or title to real property belonging to the Northern Oklahoma College.

(i) Have supervision and charge of the construction of all buildings at Northern Oklahoma College.

(j) Determine the need for and cause to be constructed dormitories and other buildings, on a self-liquidating basis, at the Northern Oklahoma College.

(k) Establish and maintain plans for tenure, except as provided for in subsection (l) of this section, and establish and maintain plans for retirement of employees at the Northern Oklahoma College,

1 and for payment of deferred compensation of such employees; and  
2 provide hospital and medical benefits, accident, health, and life  
3 insurance, and annuity contracts, for such employees and their  
4 dependents. The Board may pay for all or a part of the cost thereof  
5 for employees with funds available for the operation of the  
6 institution. Amounts payable by an employee for such insurance or  
7 annuity contracts may, with the consent of the employee be deducted  
8 from his or her salary.

9 (l) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board shall not have the  
10 authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of employees  
11 hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of any employee  
12 hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not exceed five (5)  
13 years.

14 (m) Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to the  
15 Northern Oklahoma College.

16 (m) (n) Audit all accounts against the funds allocated to  
17 Northern Oklahoma College.

18 (n) (o) Provide penalties and forfeitures by way of damages and  
19 otherwise for the violation of rules and regulations of the Board,  
20 which may be sued for and collected in the name of the Board before  
21 any court having jurisdiction of such actions.

22 (o) (p) Do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
23 powers expressly granted to it, or to make the Northern Oklahoma

1 College effective for the purposes for which it is maintained or  
2 operated.

3 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 4413, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 4413. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
6 Education shall have authority to establish a two-year community  
7 college in Tulsa County to serve Tulsa County and surrounding area,  
8 if provision is made locally for the donation, to ~~the State of~~  
9 ~~Oklahoma, this state~~ of a suitable site for the college, which shall  
10 be known as the Tulsa Community College and shall be an integral  
11 part of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and shall be  
12 entitled to the same privileges and be subject to the same laws as  
13 other member institutions ~~of such State System~~.

14 B. After the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have  
15 acted to establish the Tulsa Community College, there shall be  
16 created the Board of Regents of the Tulsa Community College, which  
17 shall consist of seven (7) members, to be appointed by the Governor,  
18 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Four members of  
19 said Board shall be residents of Tulsa County. Appointments shall  
20 be to numbered positions on the Board, and the terms of members of  
21 the Board shall be as follows:

22 Position No. 1. The term of office of one member shall expire  
23 on the 30th day of June, 1969, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

1       Position No. 2. The term of office of one member shall expire  
2 on the 30th day of June, 1970, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

3       Position No. 3. The term of office of one member shall expire  
4 on the 30th day of June, 1971, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

5       Position No. 4. The term of office of one member shall expire  
6 on the 30th day of June, 1972, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

7       Position No. 5. The term of office of one member shall expire  
8 on the 30th day of June, 1973, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

9       Position No. 6. The term of office of one member shall expire  
10 on the 30th day of June, 1974, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

11       Position No. 7. The term of office of one member shall expire  
12 on the 30th day of June, 1975, and each seven (7) years thereafter.

13       Vacancies in positions on the Board shall be filled by the  
14 Governor for the unexpired term, by and with the advice and consent  
15 of the Senate. No member of the Board shall be employed upon any  
16 work to be performed in connection with the Tulsa Community College,  
17 nor shall any member of ~~said~~ the Board enter into any contract or  
18 business transaction involving a financial consideration with the  
19 Tulsa Community College. Each member of the Board of Regents of the  
20 Tulsa Community College shall take and subscribe to the oaths  
21 required of state officials generally. Each member of the Board  
22 shall be allowed necessary travel expenses, as may be approved by  
23 the Board, pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

1       C. The Board of Regents of the Tulsa Community College shall be  
2       a body corporate, and shall adopt and use an official seal. It  
3       shall annually elect a chairperson, a ~~vice-chairperson~~ vice  
4       chairperson, and a secretary, each of whom shall serve for a term of  
5       one (1) fiscal year and until his or her successor is elected and  
6       qualified, and who shall perform such duties as the Board directs;  
7       and each of whom shall furnish a corporate surety bond payable to  
8       ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, in such amount as the Board may  
9       prescribe, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his or her  
10      duties. The Board shall adopt rules as it deems necessary for the  
11      governing of the Board and the discharge of its duties, and shall  
12      cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings and transactions  
13      considered at each meeting, in a suitable book to be obtained and  
14      kept for such purpose. The Board of Regents of the Tulsa Community  
15      College shall be the governing Board of the community college and  
16      shall have the supervision and management thereof and shall have the  
17      same powers and duties as governing boards of other institutions in  
18      The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and may do all things  
19      necessary or convenient to make the community college effective for  
20      the functions and purposes for which it shall have been established.  
21      Following the establishment of the Tulsa Community College by the  
22      Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Board of Regents of  
23      the college shall develop a comprehensive plan for implementing the  
24      functions, purposes, and educational programs of the Tulsa Community

1 College as prescribed by the State Regents in the establishment of  
2 the institution, which plan shall be submitted for review and  
3 approval of ~~said~~ the State Regents.

4       D. The name change from Tulsa Junior College to Tulsa Community  
5 College shall not affect in any manner whatsoever any legal  
6 relationships, bonds, contracts, supervisory authority by the Board  
7 of Regents, title to property, obligations, or any other phase or  
8 aspect of the legal status of the institution for any purpose,  
9 except that the institution shall be referred to as the ~~"Tulsa~~ Tulsa  
10 ~~Community College"~~ College in all future references to the  
11 institution and in all constitutional and statutory references  
12 currently in law.

13       E. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board of Regents shall not  
14 have the authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of  
15 employees hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of  
16 any employee hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not  
17 exceed five (5) years.

18       F. It is the intent of the Legislature that supplies, including  
19 but not limited to letterheads, which on the effective date of this  
20 section carry or are labeled with the name ~~"Tulsa~~ Tulsa Junior  
21 ~~College"~~ College shall be utilized after the effective date of this  
22 section until such supplies are depleted. Any new supplies ordered  
23 for use after the effective date of this section shall bear the name  
24 ~~"Tulsa~~ Tulsa Community ~~College"~~ College. For purposes of this

1 section, "supplies" shall not mean signs designating the name of the  
2 college.

3 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 4418, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 4418. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
6 Education upon ~~said~~ finding of need and feasibility as provided in  
7 Section 4417 of this title are directed to negotiate with the Board  
8 of the now existing Altus Community College and make all appropriate  
9 arrangements for the conversion of ~~this~~ the institution to a state  
10 junior college, including the continued use of existing facilities,  
11 faculty, and other resources for the period of time necessary to  
12 achieve the conversion, and to maintain and operate the college  
13 during the transition period. After the conversion has been fully  
14 accomplished by the State Regents, a governing board composed of  
15 seven (7) members to serve seven-year overlapping terms and to be  
16 known as the Board of Regents of Western Oklahoma State College  
17 shall be created to be appointed by the Governor by and with the  
18 advice and consent of the Senate, ~~which board.~~ The Board shall have  
19 the same powers and duties as the Board of Regents of Tulsa  
20 Community College, ~~set out~~ provided for in Section 4413 of this  
21 title. No more than four members of Advisory the Board shall be  
22 residents of any one county involved.

23 B. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board shall not have the  
24 authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of employees

1       hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of any employee  
2       hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not exceed five (5)  
3       years.

4       SECTION 11.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 4423, is  
5       amended to read as follows:

6       Section 4423. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
7       Education are hereby authorized and directed to maintain two-year  
8       colleges at El Reno, which shall be known as the Redlands Community  
9       College, at Poteau, which shall be known as the Carl Albert State  
10      College, at Seminole, which shall be known as the Seminole State  
11      College, at Midwest City, which shall be known as the Rose State  
12      College, and in South Oklahoma City, which shall be known as the  
13      Oklahoma City Community College; and, each of said the colleges  
14      shall be an integral and full-fledged part of The Oklahoma State  
15      System of Higher Education.

16       B. Each of the colleges which at the time it became a member of  
17      the The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education was operating a  
18      technical area school district program to carry out the function of  
19      postsecondary technical education for the people of the district  
20      shall continue to do so as then operated and in accordance with  
21      Section 4410 of this title, and all property acquired by virtue of  
22      the technical area school district operation shall remain as  
23      property of the technical area school district and be maintained in  
24      the custody of the Board of Regents of the college acting as the

1 governing board of the technical area school district for use by the  
2 postsecondary area district program.

3       C. For each of the colleges ~~above named and identified provided~~  
4 for in this section, there shall be created a separate Board of  
5 Regents, and ~~said~~ each Board of Regents shall consist of seven (7)  
6 members to serve seven-year overlapping terms, with members of ~~said~~  
7 each Board to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice  
8 and consent of the ~~State~~ Senate. Each Board shall have the same  
9 powers and duties as the Board of Regents of Tulsa Community  
10 College. Four members of the Board of Regents for the colleges  
11 located at El Reno, Poteau, and Seminole shall be from the county in  
12 which ~~said~~ each college is located. Four members of the Board of  
13 Regents for Rose State College shall be residents of the original  
14 district of the college. Four members of the Board of Regents for  
15 Oklahoma City Community College shall be residents of South Oklahoma  
16 City. For purposes of this section, "South Oklahoma City" shall  
17 mean the original district of Oklahoma City Community College and  
18 the portion of Oklahoma City that lies in Cleveland County and is  
19 bounded on the west by County Line Road and on the east by Bryant  
20 Avenue.

21       D. With respect to Rose State College and Oklahoma City  
22 Community College, it is further provided that the college and its  
23 governing Board of Regents shall continue to operate the technical  
24 area school district program to carry out the function of

1 postsecondary technical education for the people of the technical  
2 education school district as now operated, and in accordance with  
3 Section 4410 of this title.

4       E. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Board of Regents for each of  
5       the colleges authorized by the provisions of this section shall not  
6       have the authority to establish and maintain plans for tenure of  
7       employees hired January 1, 2027, and thereafter. The contract of  
8       any employee hired on January 1, 2027, and thereafter shall not  
9       exceed five (5) years.

10       SECTION 12. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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