

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3703

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 628.13, which relates to concurrent enrollment; requiring school districts to cover the cost of tuition waivers for participating high school seniors; requiring school districts to cover the cost of tuition waivers for high school juniors subject to available funds; requiring students to reimburse fifty percent of the tuition costs if they withdraw; 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 628.13, is amended to read as follows:

Section 628.13. A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or university courses of eligible high school students on high school campuses, on college and university campuses and via online courses.

2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability

1 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma
2 high schools.

3 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the
4 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare
5 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features and
6 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the
7 independent school districts distribute the materials to each
8 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

9 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
10 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise
11 eligible high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)
12 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,
13 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any
14 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the
15 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

16 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility
17 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive
18 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a
19 maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in their senior year. The
20 cost of tuition waivers provided to public school students pursuant
21 to this section shall be covered by the participating student's
22 school district.

23 2. ~~Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment~~
24 ~~program being fully funded, each~~ Each high school junior who meets

1 the eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be
2 entitled to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of
3 resident tuition for a maximum of nine (9) credit hours in their
4 junior year, subject to the availability of school district funds.

5 3. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be
6 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in
7 any year other than the amount of district funds available for the
8 program and the number of eligible applicants.

9 4. Any public school student who receives a tuition waiver
10 pursuant to this section and withdraws from a concurrent enrollment
11 course after the withdrawal deadline shall reimburse the school
12 district fifty percent (50%) of the course tuition costs.

13 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
14 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
15 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
16 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
17 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
18 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
19 higher education course and a course provided by the school
20 district.

21 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
22 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
23 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.

1 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
2 information:

3 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
4 enrollment;

5 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
6 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of
7 this section;

8 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in
9 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and

10 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of
11 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's
12 degree at an institution of higher education.

13 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
14 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
15 of Education.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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