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Bill Analysis

HB 2854 provides legislative intent recommending that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education allow up to one change of function for each public institution of higher education. It directs requests for exceptions to functions and associated degree programs to meet the criteria outlined in the State Regents' policies and procedures. The bill states that beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, Northern Oklahoma College may offer, but no longer has the exclusive authority to offer, lower division courses and programs at the University Center at Ponca City. It allows the State Regents to provide for lower and upper division courses and programs through a branch of Connors State College in Muskogee beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. It also allows the State Regents to provide for lower and upper division classes and programs and master's level graduate classes through a branch of Northeastern State University in Muskogee beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year.

The measure allows Oklahoma State University-Tulsa to offer lower and upper division undergraduate courses and baccalaureate degree programs beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. The bill allows undergraduate courses offered at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa to duplicate those offered by Tulsa Community College, as determined by the State Regents, beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. It also authorizes the State Regents to make lower and upper division undergraduate and graduate courses available at Langston University-Tulsa, as the State Regents determine appropriate, beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. It also allows undergraduate degree programs offered at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa to duplicate such programs offered by Langston University-Tulsa beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. The measure authorizes the State Regents, as they determine appropriate, to make lower and upper division undergraduate and graduate courses available at the Northeastern State University branch in Broken Arrow beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year. It also allows undergraduate degree programs offered at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa to duplicate such programs offered by Northeastern State University in Tulsa beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, as determined by the State Regents.

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