

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 244</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>ENGR</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Lepak</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Making an appropriation; \$3,000,000</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 244 creates the Program of American Civic Thought and Leadership at the University of Oklahoma, which will be a stand-alone program, housed at OU's Norman campus, and will be advised by a 6-member advisory board appointed by the University's Regents.

The program is charged with educating students in the principles, ideals, and institutions of the American political order, and the philosophical foundations of responsible leadership and informed citizenship. Initial course offerings must be available by the 2027 fall semester.

The measure also appropriates \$3 million to OU for the creation of the program.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The engrossed measure establishes the Program of American Civic Thought and Leadership at the University of Oklahoma. The measure directs that certain actions be taken to establish the program within the University of Oklahoma including hiring faculty and establishing a physical footprint on the Norman campus. As such, the measure makes an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the establishment of the program.

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**Other Considerations**

None.