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Bill Analysis

HB 1727 modifies eligibility for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP), also known as Oklahoma’s Promise. It provides eligibility for students who are children of certified classroom teachers. It defines “certified classroom teacher” as a certified, full-time classroom teacher who has been employed as a teacher by an Oklahoma public school district for a minimum of 10 years prior to his or her child applying for participation in the program. It states that the teacher is not required to have been employed by the same district for 10 consecutive years. It excludes children of superintendents, principals, or any other position within school district administration. The bill states that a student shall not be found to be in financial need if the federal adjusted gross income of the student’s parent(s) exceeds \$175,000 if the parent(s) have two or fewer dependent children; \$185,000 if the parent(s) have three or four dependent children; and \$195,000 if the parent(s) have five or more dependent children. It states that the federal adjusted gross income of the student’s parent(s) cannot exceed \$200,000 prior to receiving any OHLAP award. It directs the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to verify the full-time employment status of the student’s parent prior to the student receiving any OHLAP award.

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