

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 244 establishes the Program of American Civic Thought and Leadership at the University of Oklahoma to educate students in the principles, ideals, and institutions of the American political order, the philosophical foundations of responsible leadership and informed citizenship, enhance education in certain fields of political thought and science, provide viewpoint and ideologically diverse resources, and assist in ensuring OU serves as a robust marketplace of ideas. The program shall be established as a stand-alone program and housed on the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus. The program shall be advised by a 6-member advisory board on matters related to the program. Members of the board shall be appointed by the Board of Regents no later than December 31, 2025. The program director and the advisory board shall develop an annual strategic plan for the program to the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma no later than March 1, 2027, and each year thereafter. Faculty of the program may be awarded tenure. A report of the program shall be submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor by September 1, 2027, and each year thereafter. The measure appropriates \$3 million from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to implement the provisions of this measure.

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