

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2312

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 628.13), which relates to high school student concurrent enrollment in college or university courses; expanding concurrent enrollment tuition waiver eligibility to all high school students; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4665, which relates to nonduplication of courses; authorizing certain duplication of courses; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, 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.

1 2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
2 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course
3 readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability
4 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma
5 high schools.

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

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

19 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility
20 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive
21 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a
22 maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in their senior year.

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

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

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

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

18 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
19 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
20 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
21 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
22 information:

23 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
24 enrollment;

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

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

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

9 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
11 of Education.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 4665, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 4665. Courses offered at the undergraduate level
15 through the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Schusterman Center,
16 Northeastern State University, Langston University and Oklahoma
17 State University/Tulsa ~~shall not~~ may duplicate those offered by
18 Tulsa Community College.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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