

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3543 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Chad Caldwell

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3543

By: Caldwell (Chad)

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to higher education; establishing the
9 Oklahoma Free Speech Committee to the Oklahoma State
10 Regents for Higher Education; specifying duties of
11 the committee; directing for completion of free
12 speech survey; directing the committee to provide or
13 approve training materials; directing for collection
14 of complaints; requiring training; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3205.11 of Title 70, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 There is hereby created the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee to
19 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3205.12 of Title 70, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 The duties of the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall be to:
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- 1 1. Review the free speech policies of Oklahoma public
2 universities;
- 3 2. Review any free speech complaints filed with the committee
4 following Section 4 of this act;
- 5 3. Review university training on free speech for improvements;
- 6 4. Make recommendations to the universities on improvements to
7 free speech policies and training; and
- 8 5. Prepare the Free Speech Survey following Section 3 of this
9 act.

10 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3205.13 of Title 70, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 The Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall survey the state of
14 free speech on public university campuses by interviewing all
15 faculty, staff, and students every four years. The survey results
16 shall be made publicly available on the website for the Oklahoma
17 State Regents for Higher Education and a copy of the report shall be
18 made available to the Governor, the Oklahoma Secretary of Education,
19 the Speaker for the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the
20 Oklahoma Senate Pro Tempore.

21 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3205.14 of Title 70, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1 The Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall develop a process of
2 collecting complaints of free speech violations on public university
3 campuses and advise complainants of their rights. Universities
4 shall publish contact information on how to report free speech
5 concerns to the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee on their website.

6 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3205.15 of Title 70, unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 The Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall either develop a First
10 Amendment training or approve of an outside First Amendment training
11 that shall be required for all college deans, heads of departments,
12 and individuals responsible for establishing university free speech
13 policies or handling free speech complaints. The Committee shall
14 either revise or reapprove the training every two years. The
15 training will be required every two years, or upon hire or promotion
16 to one of the aforementioned roles.

17 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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