

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3543

By: Caldwell (Chad) of the
House

and

Daniels of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

4 The duties of the Oklahoma Free Speech Committee shall be to:

- 5 1. Review the free speech policies of Oklahoma public
6 universities;
- 7 2. Review any free speech complaints filed with the committee
8 following Section 4 of this act;
- 9 3. Review university training on free speech for improvements;
- 10 4. Make recommendations to the universities on improvements to
11 free speech policies and training; and
- 12 5. Prepare the Free Speech Survey following Section 3 of this
13 act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,
23 dated 03/01/2022 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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