

# CORRECTED

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 11

By: Rader of the Senate

3 and

4 Pae of the House

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7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 626.6, which relates to the Oklahoma  
9 Higher Education Tuition Aid Act; removing certain  
eligibility provision; updating language; providing  
an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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14 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthors: Munson, Hill, Williams,  
15 Roberts, West (Tammy), Sneed, Miller, and Swope

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16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
17 and insert:

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20 "An Act relating to higher education; amending 70  
21 O.S. 2021, Section 626.6, which relates to the  
22 Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act; removing  
23 certain eligibility provision; limiting eligibility  
of certain incarcerated individuals; providing an  
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.6, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 626.6 A. No person shall be awarded a state tuition  
5 aid grant unless the person:

6 1. Is a resident of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state. Such  
7 residency shall meet requirements as set out by the Oklahoma State  
8 Regents for Higher Education;

9 2. Has demonstrated financial need for ~~such~~ tuition aid as  
10 determined by Sections 626.2 and 626.7 of this title and in  
11 accordance with procedures ~~to be~~ established by the Oklahoma State  
12 Regents for Higher Education;

13 3. ~~Is not incarcerated in a state, federal or private~~  
14 ~~correctional facility;~~

15 4. Has demonstrated high moral character, good citizenship, and  
16 dedication to American ideals;

17 5. 4. Has applied for state tuition aid and has been determined  
18 to be eligible for such tuition aid; and

19 6. 5. Has complied with all the rules adopted pursuant to the  
20 Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act for the award, regulation,  
21 and administration of state college tuition aid.

22 B. No person shall be awarded a state tuition aid grant if the  
23 person is incarcerated in a state, federal, or private correctional  
24 facility and enrolled in a program structured primarily for virtual

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1 learning. A state tuition aid grant shall only be awarded to an  
2 individual who is incarcerated in a state, federal, or private  
3 correctional facility if the individual is within (5) years from  
4 being released from incarceration.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
7 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

10 Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
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7 2021, Section 626.6, which relates to the Oklahoma  
8 Higher Education Tuition Aid Act; removing certain  
9 eligibility provision; updating language; providing  
10 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.6, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 626.6. No person shall be awarded a state tuition aid  
15 grant unless the person:

16 1. Is a resident of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state. Such  
17 residency shall meet requirements as set out by the Oklahoma State  
18 Regents for Higher Education;

19 2. Has demonstrated financial need for ~~such~~ tuition aid as  
20 determined by Sections 626.2 and 626.7 of this title and in  
21 accordance with procedures ~~to be~~ established by the Oklahoma State  
22 Regents for Higher Education;

23 3. ~~Is not incarcerated in a state, federal or private~~  
24 ~~correctional facility;~~

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2 dedication to American ideals;

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4 to be eligible for such tuition aid; and

5       ~~6.~~ 5. Has complied with all the rules adopted pursuant to the  
6 Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act for the award, regulation,  
7 and administration of state college tuition aid.

8       SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

9       SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13       Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 2023.

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17       Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

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