

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 11

By: Rader of the Senate

and

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10 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
11 2021, Section 626.6, which relates to the Oklahoma
12 Higher Education Tuition Aid Act; removing certain
13 eligibility provision; limiting eligibility of
14 certain incarcerated individuals; providing an
15 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 ~~4.~~ Has demonstrated high moral character, good citizenship, and
8 dedication to American ideals;

9 ~~5.~~ 4. Has applied for state tuition aid and has been determined
10 to be eligible for such tuition aid; and

11 ~~6.~~ 5. Has complied with all the rules adopted pursuant to the
12 Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act for the award, regulation,
13 and administration of state college tuition aid.

14 B. No person shall be awarded a state tuition aid grant if the
15 person is incarcerated in a state, federal, or private correctional
16 facility and enrolled in a program structured primarily for virtual
17 learning. A state tuition aid grant shall only be awarded to an
18 individual who is incarcerated in a state, federal, or private
19 correctional facility if the individual is within (5) years from
20 being released from incarceration.

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

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

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