

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1339
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Impact:	\$380,000-400,000

Research Analysis

SB 1339 creates the Oklahoma Access and Achievement Program to provide scholarships to eligible students with intellectual disabilities studying in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program (CTP) program. A student is eligible for the program if they graduated high school in the previous six years, have enrolled in a CTP program, and establish financial need. To maintain eligibility, students must meet academic progress and conduct requirements of the program. The State Regents are authorized to promulgate further eligibility rules.

The scholarship will be allocated from the Oklahoma Higher Access Learning Trust Fund to cover resident tuition. Scholarships will be given to all eligible applicants except in cases of insufficient funds, in which awards are based on need. The following students do not qualify for financial need:

- Students with a gross annual income of \$100,000 or more;
- Students adopted between birth and 12 years of age with a gross annual income of \$150,000 or more; and
- Students adopted between 13 and 17 years of age with a gross annual income of \$200,000 or more.

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Fiscal Analysis

In consultation with the State Regents for Higher Education, it is anticipated that the measure will result in an added impact of \$380,000-\$400,000 each fiscal year. There are less than 100 students who participate in these programs at present time, with the possibility of more choosing to enroll in such programs utilizing the OHLAP.

OHLAP, or Oklahoma's Promise, is not appropriated by the Legislature and is funded through "off the top" means. However, an increase in OHLAP funding may result in a reduction in appropriating authority for the Legislature in future fiscal years.

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Other Considerations

None.

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