

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2854

6 By: Hasenbeck

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8 An Act relating to higher education; declaring a
9 moratorium on certain higher education course and
10 program restrictions; providing for functional
11 exceptions; defining term; providing for
12 codification; providing an effective date; and
13 declaring an emergency.

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 4675 of Title 70, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Beginning on the effective date of this act and ending five
19 (5) academic years thereafter, there is hereby declared a moratorium
20 on the following higher education course and program restrictions:

21 1. Northern Oklahoma College's exclusive authority to offer all
22 lower division courses and programs at the University Center at
23 Ponca City as provided by subsection B of Section 3213.1 of this
24 title;

1 2. Connors State College's restriction to lower division
2 classes and programs as provided by subsection B of Section 3405.1
3 of this title;

4 3. Northeastern State University Muskogee branch's restriction
5 to upper division classes and programs and graduate classes at
6 masters level as provided by subsection B of Section 3405.1 of this
7 title;

8 4. Oklahoma State University-Tulsa's restriction to upper
9 division undergraduate courses and degree programs as provided by
10 Section 4662 of this title;

11 5. Oklahoma State University's prohibition from duplicating
12 undergraduate courses offered by Tulsa Community College as provided
13 by Section 4665 of this title;

14 6. Oklahoma State University's prohibition from duplicating
15 undergraduate degree programs offered by Langston University Branch
16 in Tulsa as provided by Section 4667 of this title;

17 7. Langston University Branch in Tulsa's restriction to upper
18 division undergraduate and graduate courses as provided by Section
19 4667 of this title;

20 8. Northeastern State University in Tulsa's restriction to
21 upper division undergraduate and graduate courses as provided by
22 Section 4668 of this title;

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1 9. Oklahoma State University-Tulsa's prohibition from
2 duplicating undergraduate degree programs offered by Northeastern
3 State University in Tulsa as provided by Section 4668 of this title;

4 10. Any restrictions imposed by law preventing two-year
5 community colleges and junior colleges from offering upper division
6 undergraduate courses and undergraduate degree programs; and

7 11. Any other geographical restrictions imposed by law
8 restricting the offering of undergraduate courses or undergraduate
9 degree programs at institutions of higher education with The State
10 System of Higher Education.

11 B. The State Regents for Higher Education may approve
12 functional exceptions. As used in this section, "functional
13 exception" means an expansion or exception to assigned institutional
14 function or mission to permit an institution of higher education
15 within The State System of Higher Education to offer courses or
16 degree programs outside the institution's assigned function or
17 mission to meet unmet workforce needs.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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