1   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE
   RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR
   HOUSE BILL NO. 2854   By: Hasenbeck
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8   POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9   An Act relating to higher education; declaring a
          moratorium on certain higher education course and
10   program restrictions; providing for functional
          exceptions; defining term; providing for
11   codification; providing an effective date; and
          declaring an emergency.
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16   SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified

17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4675 of Title 70, unless there

18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19   A. Beginning on the effective date of this act and ending five

20 (5) academic years thereafter, there is hereby declared a moratorium

21 on the following higher education course and program restrictions:

22   1. Northern Oklahoma College's exclusive authority to offer all

23 lower division courses and programs at the University Center at

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Ponca City as provided by subsection B of Section 3213.1 of this title;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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