

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 1779

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing  
8 institution governing board to be responsible for  
9 reviewing implementation of certain statutory  
10 requirements; granting certain authority to board to  
11 ensure compliance with specified law; requiring  
12 release of information upon certain request;  
13 providing for codification; providing an effective  
14 date; and declaring an emergency.

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 24-157.1 of Title 70, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. As part of implementing the requirements of Section 24-157  
20 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a board of regents or other  
21 governing board of an institution of higher education within The  
22 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be responsible for  
23 reviewing the policies developed by the institution.

24 B. To ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 24-157  
of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a board of regents or other  
governing board of an institution described in subsection A of this

1 section shall have the authority of due diligence to review, attend,  
2 audit, and comment on any related education training class or  
3 financial policy of the institution. The institution shall make  
4 information related to this section and Section 24-157 of Title 70  
5 of the Oklahoma Statutes available upon request to members of the  
6 institution's board of regents or other governing board no later  
7 then fourteen (14) days after such request is made. The institution  
8 shall make no attempt to bar members of the institutions board of  
9 regents or other governing board from attending any class or  
10 auditing class materials.

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

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

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