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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 628.13, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236,
9 O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 628.13),
10 which relates to high school student concurrent
11 enrollment in college or university courses;
12 directing school districts to develop partnerships to
13 encourage concurrent enrollment; expanding concurrent
14 enrollment tuition waiver eligibility to all high
15 school students; prohibiting denial of enrollment to
16 eligible student in certain courses and at certain
17 institutions; and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, as
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018,
21 Section 628.13), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 628.13 A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
23 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall
24 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or
25 university courses of eligible high school students on high school
26 campuses, on college and university campuses and via online courses.
27 School districts shall develop partnerships that encourage pathways

1 to concurrent enrollment in college or university courses of
2 eligible high school students.

3 2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
4 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course
5 readiness and take all necessary actions to ensure the availability
6 of concurrent enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma
7 high schools.

8 B. The State Board of Education in cooperation with the
9 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall prepare
10 promotional materials explaining the requirements, features and
11 opportunities of concurrent enrollment and shall ensure that the
12 independent school districts distribute the materials to each
13 student prior to enrollment for each year of high school.

14 C. No institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher
15 Education shall deny enrollment in any course to any otherwise
16 eligible high school student, or student of at least thirteen (13)
17 years of age who is receiving high-school-level instruction at home,
18 who meets the requirements of concurrent enrollment, nor shall any
19 independent school district prohibit any student who meets the
20 requirements of concurrent enrollment from participating.

21 D. 1. Each high school senior who meets the eligibility
22 requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive
23 a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a
24 maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in their senior year.

1 2. Subject to the high school senior concurrent enrollment
2 program being fully funded, each high school ~~junior~~ student other
3 than high school seniors who meets the eligibility requirements for
4 concurrent enrollment shall be entitled to receive a tuition waiver
5 equivalent to the amount of resident tuition for a maximum of nine
6 (9) credit hours ~~in their junior~~ per year, subject to the
7 availability of funds.

8 3. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be
9 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in
10 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program
11 and the number of eligible applicants.

12 E. No institution of The Oklahoma System of Higher Education
13 shall deny enrollment on any course to any otherwise eligible high
14 school student nor disallow participation in concurrent enrollment
15 in the institution of the student's choice.

16 F. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
17 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
18 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
19 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
20 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
21 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
22 higher education course and a course provided by the school
23 district.

1 ~~F.~~ G. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
2 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
3 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
4 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
5 information:

- 6 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
7 enrollment;
- 8 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
9 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of
10 this section;
- 11 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in
12 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and
- 13 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of
14 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's
15 degree at an institution of higher education.

16 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
17 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Department
18 of Education.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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