

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 2865

By: Wallace

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
8 2021, Section 626.7, tuition aid grants; requiring
9 eligibility for certain programs for certain types of
10 students; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.7, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 626.7 A college tuition aid grant may be awarded
15 annually to each eligible, qualified full-time or part-time
16 undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a curriculum leading
17 to a degree or certificate in an institution of collegiate grade or
18 postsecondary institution providing a program of training to prepare
19 students for employment in a recognized occupation in Oklahoma
20 approved or accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
21 Education or appropriate postsecondary agency. Eligible programs of
22 training shall include comprehensive transition and postsecondary
23 programs for students with intellectual and developmental
24 disabilities, approved by the United States Department of Education.

1 College tuition aid grants shall be awarded in accordance with the
2 following:

3 1. Eligibility. Each full-time or part-time resident student
4 will be eligible to receive a grant in an amount as provided in
5 paragraph 2 of this section. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
6 Education shall determine by rules and regulations the maximum
7 number of semesters a student may be eligible for grants. No
8 student shall be eligible for grants unless the student maintains
9 such minimum standards of academic performance as are required by
10 the institution in which the student is enrolled.

11 In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be
12 enrolled during the course of an academic year, the student shall
13 cease to be eligible for tuition aid.

14 2. Amount of grant. The amount of tuition aid grant to any
15 student under this act for any semester shall represent a percentage
16 not greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of the tuition and
17 enrollment fees normally charged to residents of the State of
18 Oklahoma by the institution of attendance. The Oklahoma State
19 Regents for Higher Education shall determine by rules the annual
20 maximum award amount based on an annual assessment of funds
21 availability.

22 Financial assistance received under this act will be considered
23 as part of a student's financial aid package.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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