

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 11

By: Rader of the Senate

and

Pae, Munson, Hill,
Williams, Roberts, West
(Tammy), Sneed, Miller,
Swope, Deck, and Alonso-
Sandoval of the House

An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.6, which relates to the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act; removing certain eligibility provision; limiting eligibility of certain incarcerated individuals; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: State tuition aid grants

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 626.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 626.6. A. No person shall be awarded a state tuition aid grant unless the person:

1. Is a resident of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state. Such residency shall meet requirements as set out by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

2. Has demonstrated financial need for ~~such~~ tuition aid as determined by Sections 626.2 and 626.7 of this title and in accordance with procedures ~~to be~~ established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

~~3. Is not incarcerated in a state, federal or private correctional facility;~~

~~4.~~ Has demonstrated high moral character, good citizenship, and dedication to American ideals;

~~5.~~ 4. Has applied for state tuition aid and has been determined to be eligible for such tuition aid; and

~~6.~~ 5. Has complied with all the rules adopted pursuant to the Oklahoma Higher Education Tuition Aid Act for the award, regulation, and administration of state college tuition aid.

B. No person shall be awarded a state tuition aid grant if the person is incarcerated in a state, federal, or private correctional facility and enrolled in a program structured primarily for virtual learning. A state tuition aid grant shall only be awarded to an individual who is incarcerated in a state, federal, or private correctional facility if the individual is within (5) years from being released from incarceration.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

Passed the Senate the 21st day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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