

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1449

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
8 2011, Section 3219.1, which relates to special fees;
9 allowing a student who enrolls in an institution
10 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
11 to opt out of certain fees; providing description of
12 certain fees; allowing students to opt out of certain
13 fees on certain form; requiring certain form to be
14 made available during certain time periods; requiring
15 a student's identification card to indicate certain
16 opt out; prohibiting certain students from accessing
17 certain services; providing definitions; providing
18 for promulgation of rules; providing an effective
19 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3219.1, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 3219.1. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
24 Education may establish any special fee not specified by law if the
25 Regents determine that such fee is necessary for academic services
26 or other activities, facilities or services provided by any
27 institution of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

1 Within thirty (30) days of the establishment by the Regents of
2 such fee, the Regents shall file a report with the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
4 the Chairperson of the Higher Education Committee of the House of
5 Representatives and the Chairperson of the Education Committee of
6 the Senate. The report shall specify the reasons the Regents
7 determined such fee was necessary and any other information
8 concerning the fee.

9 B. Each educational institution within The Oklahoma State
10 System of Higher Education shall annually publish all tuition and
11 fees charged at that institution. The institution shall provide
12 that publication free of charge to any person requesting any
13 information relating to tuition or fees at that institution.

14 C. 1. Beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year, a student
15 who enrolls in an institution within The Oklahoma State System of
16 Higher Education may opt out of any special fee that is not a
17 mandatory fee as authorized by Section 3218.8 of this title. For
18 the purposes of this subsection, "special fee" may include but not
19 be limited to fees that support noninstructional student programs,
20 activities, facilities, groups or services. "Special fee" does not
21 include any fee directly related to academic, administrative, health
22 or safety services.

23 2. A student who chooses to opt out of special fees pursuant to
24 this subsection shall do so on a form established by the State

1 Regents. The form shall be made available as part of the enrollment
2 process prior to the start of each semester of the academic year.

3 3. A student's identification card shall indicate whether the
4 student has opted out of special fees pursuant to this subsection.

5 A student who opts out of special fees shall not be able to access
6 any noninstructional student programs, activities, facilities,
7 groups or services supported by such fees. For the purposes of this
8 subsection, "identification card" means a printed form which
9 contains the name and photograph of a student, the name of the
10 institution of higher education and any additional information
11 included by the institution.

12 4. The State Regents shall promulgate rules to implement the
13 provisions of this subsection.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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

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