

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 7, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 365

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6 An Act relating to higher education; amending 70 O.S.
7 2021, Section 3207.1, which relates to transfer of
8 credits; modifying language regarding submission of
9 certain report; stating legislative intent that
10 certain institutions of higher education not require
11 a score higher than certain recommended score on
12 certain examination to grant certain course credit;
13 allowing certain institution president to make
14 certain determination; requiring institutions to post
15 certain policy on campus websites; providing an
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3207.1, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 3207.1. A. It is the intent of the Legislature that
21 credits earned by students in any institution of higher education
22 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education be fully
23 accepted at any other institution of higher education within The
24 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and that the Oklahoma
25 State Regents for Higher Education assume leadership in working with
26 institutional faculty and administrators to ensure that students
27 move smoothly from one level of education to another. Objectives

1 should include development of transfer policies and guides, degree
2 sheets, course equivalencies, and common course numbering.

3 B. It is the intent of the Legislature that institutions of
4 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
5 Education, private institutions accredited by the Oklahoma State
6 Regents for Higher Education, technology center school districts,
7 schools or training programs licensed, accredited, approved, or
8 regulated by any state agency, and private schools licensed by the
9 Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools be prohibited from
10 placing statements in documents or brochures given to students or
11 advertising in publications that credits earned at the institution,
12 training program, or school are fully accepted at another
13 institution or school without having a written agreement with the
14 other institution or school stating that the credits will be fully
15 accepted.

16 C. It is the intent of the Legislature that in establishing the
17 minimum required score on an Advanced Placement Examination for
18 granting course credit for a particular lower division course,
19 institutions of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of
20 Higher Education shall not require an Advanced Placement Exam score
21 of more than three, except the requirement of an Advanced Placement
22 Exam score of more than three shall be permitted for granting
23 additional course credit for a lower division course or courses
24 sequenced with the initial lower division course. Credit policy

1 regarding all Advanced Placement Exams shall be posted on campus
2 websites effective for the 2021-22 fall academic term and for each
3 academic term thereafter. The institutions of higher education
4 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall conduct
5 biennial reviews of their Advanced Placement credit policy. The
6 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall report noncompliance
7 to the ~~House Common Education Committee, House Higher Education and~~
8 ~~Career Tech Committee, and Senate Education Committee, or similarly~~
9 ~~named House Committee if the named Committees no longer exist,~~
10 education committees in the Senate and House of Representatives by
11 December 1 each year beginning December 1, 2021.

12 D. It is the intent of the Legislature that in establishing the
13 minimum required score on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
14 examination for granting course credit for a particular lower
15 division course, institutions of higher education within The
16 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall not require a score
17 higher than the minimum score recommended by a nonprofit higher
18 education association that makes recommendations on college-level
19 equivalencies. Provided, however, the president of the institution
20 may determine, based on evidence, that a higher score on the
21 examination is necessary to indicate that a student is sufficiently
22 prepared to be successful in a related, more advanced course for
23 which the lower division course is a prerequisite. Institutions
24 shall post on campus websites their CLEP examination policy

1 effective for the 2023-2024 academic year and for each academic year
2 thereafter.

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

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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