

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 78

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to concurrent enrollment; amending 70
8 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, which relates to
9 concurrent enrollment participation; modifying
10 language related to eligibility; modifying
11 application of certain tuition waivers; directing the
12 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to issue
13 annual reports on the concurrent enrollment program;
14 prescribing contents of report; providing for posting
15 of report on certain websites; providing an effective
16 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 628.13, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 628.13. A. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
21 Education, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, shall
22 actively encourage the concurrent enrollment in college or
23 university courses of eligible high school students ~~of exceptional~~
24 ~~ability~~ on high school campuses, on college and university campuses
and via online courses.

25 2. The State Regents and State Board shall establish concurrent
26 enrollment requirements with an emphasis on determining course

1 readiness for two-year institutions of higher education and take all
2 necessary actions to ensure the availability of concurrent
3 enrollment opportunities to students in all Oklahoma high schools.

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

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

18 D. 1. Each high school junior and senior who meets the
19 eligibility requirements for concurrent enrollment shall be entitled
20 to receive a tuition waiver equivalent to the amount of resident
21 tuition for a maximum of ~~six (6)~~ nine (9) credit hours ~~per semester~~
22 in their junior year and a maximum of eighteen (18) credit hours in
23 their senior year.

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1 2. Tuition waivers provided pursuant to this section shall be
2 granted without any limitation on the number of waivers granted in
3 any year other than the amount of funds available for the program
4 and the number of eligible applicants. ~~The Oklahoma State Regents
5 for Higher Education shall establish an application process and
6 criteria for prioritizing applicants on the basis of need,
7 timeliness of application, or other factors as determined by the
8 State Regents.~~

9 E. When a student earns college credit through concurrent
10 enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any
11 concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated
12 with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher
13 education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective
14 credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment
15 higher education course and a course provided by the school
16 district.

17 F. On or before December 1 of each year, the Oklahoma State
18 Regents for Higher Education shall issue an annual report on the
19 concurrent enrollment program implemented pursuant to this section.
20 The annual report shall include but not be limited to the following
21 information:

22 1. The number of students participating in concurrent
23 enrollment;

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1 2. The number of students participating in concurrent
2 enrollment who received tuition waivers pursuant to subsection D of
3 this section;

4 3. The high school graduation rate of students described in
5 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection; and

6 4. The number of students described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of
7 this subsection who earned an associate's degree or a bachelor's
8 degree at an institution of higher education.

9 The annual report shall be posted on the websites of the
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma State
11 Department of Education.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

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