

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2944

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 3242, which relates to eligibility for
9 enrollment and resident tuition; expanding
10 eligibility for enrollment and resident tuition to
include students who completed the General
Educational Development test; and providing an
effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3242, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 3242. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
17 Education may adopt a policy which allows a student to enroll in an
18 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and
19 allows a student to be eligible for resident tuition if the student:

20 1. Graduated from a public or private high school in this state
21 or successfully completed the General Educational Development test
22 in this state; and

23 2. Resided in this state with a parent or legal guardian ~~while~~
24 ~~attending classes at~~ for at least two (2) years prior to:

- 1 a. graduation from a public or private high school in
2 this state ~~for at least two (2) years prior to~~
3 ~~graduation, or~~
4 b. successful completion of the General Educational
5 Development test.

6 B. To be eligible for the provisions of subsection A of this
7 section, an eligible student shall:

8 1. Satisfy admission standards as determined by the Oklahoma
9 State Regents for Higher Education for the appropriate type of
10 institution and have secured admission to, and enrolled in, an
11 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;
12 and

13 2. If the student cannot present to the institution valid
14 documentation of United States nationality or an immigration status
15 permitting study at a postsecondary institution:

- 16 a. provide to the institution a copy of a true and
17 correct application or petition filed with the United
18 States Citizenship and Immigration Services to
19 legalize the student's immigration status, or
20 b. file an affidavit with the institution stating that
21 the student will file an application to legalize his
22 or her immigration status at the earliest opportunity
23 the student is eligible to do so, but in no case later
24 than:

- 1 (1) one (1) year after the date on which the student
2 enrolls for study at the institution, or
3 (2) if there is no formal process to permit children
4 of parents without lawful immigration status to
5 apply for lawful status without risk of
6 deportation, one (1) year after the date the
7 United States Citizenship and Immigration
8 Services provide such a formal process, and
9 c. if the student files an affidavit pursuant to
10 subparagraph b of this paragraph, present to the
11 institution a copy of a true and correct application
12 or petition filed with the United States Citizenship
13 and Immigration Services no later than:
14 (1) one (1) year after the date on which the student
15 enrolls for study at the institution, or
16 (2) if there is no formal process to permit children
17 of parents without lawful immigration status to
18 apply for lawful status without risk of
19 deportation, one (1) year after the date the
20 United States Citizenship and Immigration
21 Services provide such a formal process, which
22 copy shall be maintained in the institution's
23 records for that student.
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1 C. Any student who completes the required criteria prescribed
2 in subsection A of this section, paragraph 1 of subsection B of this
3 section, and subparagraph a of paragraph 2 of subsection B of this
4 section shall not be disqualified on the basis of the student's
5 immigration status from any scholarships or financial aid provided
6 by this state.

7 D. The provisions of this section shall not impose any
8 additional conditions to maintain resident tuition status at a
9 postsecondary educational institution within The Oklahoma State
10 System of Higher Education on a student who was enrolled in a degree
11 program and first received such resident tuition status at that
12 institution during the 2006-2007 school year or any prior year.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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